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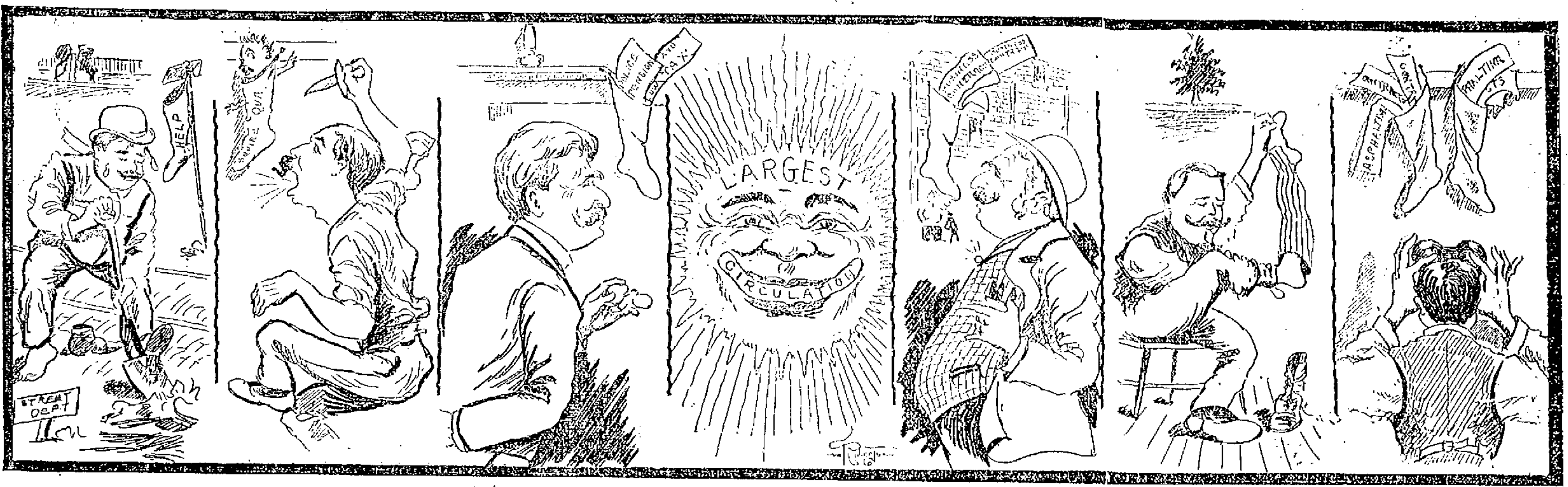
SOME CHRISTMAS WANTS.



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Brother Poore Is Anxious for Qua's Portfolio.

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The Sun will have the Same Old Present—The Largest Circulation in the City.

Col. Bennett Wants a Lot of Business Contracts.

Capt. Mitten Would Like to Find Gillow's Scalp in His Stocking.

Bob Crowley is Looking Anxiously for More Asphaltina Contracts.

ENGLAND'S ADIEU

To Lord Roberts on His Departure for South Africa

Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge and Five Field Marshals Meet Him at the Dock—Great Crowd and Wild Enthusiasm Among the People

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who is to assume command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo railroad station at noon today amid scenes of enthusiasm vividly demonstrating the national interest in the event and the belief that the departure of the general can be accepted as a guarantee that whatever can be done in South Africa will be carried out by thoroughly competent hands and on carefully matured lines. Although only privileged persons were permitted to enter the station, this did not prevent the gathering of immense throngs at all approaches and other points of vantage, who cheered repeatedly as "Bobs" accompanied by his wife and two daughters, drove up. Seldom has the terminus witnessed such an inspiring send-off. Every appearance of the field marshal was the signal for ringing hurrahs, lusty shouts and good wishes. The moment the veteran commander arrived he was surrounded by military officers and other friends and held a semi-private reception in the waiting room. After personal leave-takings, Lord Roberts reached the platform, where general greetings and parting words were exchanged. Many ladies pressed eagerly forward to get a last handshake, express deep sympathy with the distinguished soldier in his recent bereavement and bid him God speed. One woman with her eyes filled with tears, exclaimed: "God bless you and bring you safely back to us." This wish was echoed in varying phraseology by hundreds thronging the vicinity of the train.

As the general joined his wife and daughters at the door of the saloon carriage, he was speedily surrounded by distinguished statesmen and military men, including M. A. J. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart and Lieut. Col. Carrington, the queen's equerry. Lord Wolseley and others arrived late and it required all the efforts of the police to clear a passage for them.

Scarcely had the commander-in-chief joined Lord Roberts when a great cheer announced the approach of the Duke of Cambridge. The crush was so great that the duke, in spite of police protection was so hustled that more than once he gave verbal expression of resentment at the rough treatment he had to submit to. and the police redoubled their efforts, finally enabling the Duke of Cambridge to reach Lord Roberts, though in the confusion, the police thust aside many who were best entitled to remain, including Lord Wolseley, who, however, took the rough handling of the police good naturedly. The ladies present suffered much from the crowds, but their appeals were unavailing to stem the crush.

Renewed cheering greeted the Duke of Connaught's arrival. Then rousing cheers momentarily diverted attention from the hero of the hour, as the Prince of Wales appeared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial manner. The prince and the distinguished general engaged in earnest conversation and furnished a stirring centre to a notable group which included no less than five field marshals. Lord Roberts, who was in morning dress, looked fit for anything. In spite of his 6 years he was straight and soldierly and his rugged features reflected determination.

At the time when the train was due to start, the Prince of Wales again shook hands with Lord Roberts and spoke a few words to the general, of which the phases, "God bless you," "Good luck to you" were caught by those near by.

Mr. Balfour bid General Roberts a similar farewell.

Amidst the din and excitement no one heard the signals for departure, and consequently the train was moving while Lord Roberts was still on the platform with is back to the carriage door. The farewells were abruptly terminated and Lord Roberts was forced to make a somewhat undignified scramble for his seat. As the general disappeared in the saloon carriage a final, lusty cheer was started and continued until the train passed out of sight.

SIX GIRLS DEAD

Burned to Death at Rehearsal

FOR A CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Sisters Badly Burned Trying to Save Them

FLEECE CAUGHT FIRE FROM GAS GET

And Whole Circle of Little Ones Was Enveloped

By Associated Press to The Sun.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 23.—Six little girls were burned to death, four probably fatally burned and eight other persons badly injured during the rehearsal of Christmas exercises of one of the classes at St. Francis school yesterday. There were 14 little girls in the class and they represented different characters. Two of them appeared as lambs and wore white fleece on their garments. The fleece on one caught fire from an open gas jet and in almost an instant the whole ring of little ones were in flames. Sisters of the school ran to the rescue and were also badly burned. Six girls died almost instantly from burns and four of the survivors will die. The dead are:

Mary Wavering.
Alma Maddendorf.
Bertha Freund.
Jose Roszewog.
Miss Hickey.
Irene Freiburg.

The badly injured are:

Josephine Bohne, Wilhelmina Cottondorf, Lena Zelger, Laura Manke, Miss Goebbing, Aleva Tinpe, Jose Werner, Father Andrew Butzkuchen, Sister Ludwigus, Sister Rodolphia, Sister Theodet, Sister Ephia.

PRINT WORKERS.

There will be a meeting of the Print Workers' Association tomorrow at the Burke Temperance Institute hall. Every employe of both the Hamilton and Merrimack Print Works are requested to attend, as there will be business of importance transacted.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT.

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Ladies' Entrance, 42 to 45 Middlesex Street.

A BIG MYSTERY

For the Local Police to Solve

A POLE AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

Is Now Between Life and Death

HE WAS FOUND IN AN ALLEY

And Nobody Knows How He Was Injured

The Lowell police have another dark mystery to solve. Stanislaw Laerenski, a Pole, is now lying at St. John's hospital hovering between life and death. He is unconscious and the doctors say he is suffering from concussion of the brain. Nobody knows now the woman was injured. It may have been an accident or it may have been a case of foul play.

Laerenski roomed with a Polish family at 86 William street, and it was from them that what little information that has been gained was obtained. Being unfamiliar with the English language, it is almost impossible to obtain many details, but their story is substantially as follows:

Laerenski is employed in one of the mills and upon returning from work Wednesday evening he announced his intention of going to Lawrence. He told them upon his return that he went down on the 6.30 car and that he had one glass of beer while there. He returned to the house at 10.30 and retired for the night. Shortly after retiring, he arose and announced his intention to one of the family of going to the door. As he did not return, after waiting some little time, the man of the house went to the door in quest of his roomer. Not finding him at the door, he began to look about the street and finally found Laerenski clothed only in underwear, lying prostrate in the alley adjoining the tenement.

He spoke to his roomer, but the latter was unable to answer him. The man was then carried into the house where he lay speechless and practically lifeless all day Thursday and Thursday night. No physician had been summoned during all this time and when Friday noon Laerenski was still unconscious the ambulance was called and the injured man was taken to St. John's hospital.

An examination of Laerenski's injuries was made at the hospital and it revealed the fact that he had sustained a concussion of the brain. He is still unconscious and his recovery is doubtful. No indications of paralysis were discovered and in fact he seemed to have the free use of his limbs as he thrashed about the bed almost continuously.

Upon the removal of the unfortunate man to the hospital, the police were notified and the inspectors went immediately to work on the case, but owing to the general ignorance of the English language in that district they made comparatively little headway. However, they are inclined to the opinion that the injury was the result of an accident as it is possible that he went to Lawrence for more than one glass of beer.

PROSPERITY AT NORTH CHELMSFORD.

North Chelmsford is enjoying the general prosperity which has struck this part of the country after a too long absence. The mill is rushing matters and the iron foundry, which generally sends out help at this time of year, is retaining this winter.

1000 Dress Suit Cases from $2.99 to $25.— Devlin's, 55 Merrimack St.

Christmas Drafts

Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.

J. F. O'Donnell's Steamship Agency, 324 Market St., Cor. Worthen.

LIQUOR CASES

Three in Police Court This Morning

A MERRIMACK SQ. MAN FINED $100

Three Others Were Fined $50 Each

William B. Harrington appeared before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning to answer to a charge of illegal keeping of liquor. He pleaded guilty and the court imposed a fine of $100 which was paid. The liquor seized in what was formerly Thomas H. Boyle's barroom in Merrimack square was in Harrington's name. Eight bottles of ale were seized.

Three drunks were arraigned. One simple offender was discharged by the court and Richard McMahon was fined $5.

James H. Maltes pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness. He said he was 12 years old and that was the first time he had ever been arrested and he said it would be the last. He asked the court to be as lenient with him as possible. The court let him off with a fine of $1. This is the first fine of $1 imposed in the local police court since the first of May.

Thomas H. Doyle pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of a horse and team. They were the property of the defendant's brother and were valued at $50, and $10 respectively. The defendant sold the horse and team yesterday to a man for $10 and then got drunk. He fell into the hands of Officer John B. Crowley who "pinched" him. The court sentenced him to the house of correction for a term of six months.

Joseph S. Byrne, charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance, withdrew his former plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. There was no trial and the court imposed a fine of $50. Byrne paid.

Gilman and Jennie Litman pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal keeping of liquor and were fined $50 each.

The session was a comparatively short one.

This is the last chance to go to Gaynor & Co's, 35 Prescott street, if you want to make a Christmas present of a piece of furniture you can give nothing that will be more acceptable. Their prices are always the lowest.

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83 Central Street.
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RYAN'S CONDITION

Small Pox Patient Holding His Own

HOPE ENTERTAINED FOR HIS RECOVERY

Fewer Out-Door Relief Applications

John F. Ryan, the victim of smallpox, is holding his own against the disease at the pest house, having passed a fairly comfortable night. He has done so well for the past few days, particularly in regard to taking nourishment, that hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Some friends of the sick man, who is is said, believed that the board of health was not taking as good care of the patient as it might, made an attempt to engage a female nurse, but found it impossible to do so. Ryan is getting the best care that could be administered in such a case.

DEATHS

KEEFE—John Keefe, infant son of John and Catherine, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 7 Main street. The funeral took place this afternoon from the home of his parents at 2 o'clock. Interment was at the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

Coal that will burn is the kind sold by W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike Street. Promptly and carefully delivered.

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Taffetas, paragon frames and steel rods, plain wood handles, as low as $1.13. Silver mounted, $2.19, finer ivory and horn, $3.95 and $4.95.

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Things are lively—but we have provided plenty of extra attendants and will try and serve you promptly.

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DURABLE,
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CHRISTMAS
GIFTS.

Or a "20th Century Range or Parlor Stove. The Ladies' Oak Frame Velour Upholstered Spring Seat Rocker we will place on sale at $1.93 Monday, is one of the attractions. The costly and artistic calendar we give to the purchaser of one dollar or more worth of goods is another. Come. We are better prepared than ever before to do you justice.

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Near Electric Car Waiting Room.

METHUEN'S DANGER

Great Anxiety Felt in London for His Fate

Boers Can Obtain Men and Supplies by Delagoa Bay—The War Office Withholding News—Gen. White Can Hold Out

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec 22.—There is still no definite news regarding military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official despatches. General Buller's casualty list at Colenso, just published shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing, and of these about forty are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than General Buller's original estimate. Royal letters signed by the Queen are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on January 7, in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families. Interest centers for the moment in the preparations to send out reinforcements.

GEN. WHITE SAFE.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Daily Mail says: We understand that news has arrived from General White to the effect that Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out much longer than has been estimated. The troops are described as in good spirits and anxious to fight.

FOOD AND RECRUITS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In default of any important news of Generals Buller and Methuen, public attention is directed to the question of the possibility of the Boers importing food, the munitions of war and recruits by way of the the Portuguese port of Lourenzo Marquez. Many statements, some of them bearing evidence of accuracy, have appeared in the newspapers apparently confirmatory of these reports.

The passage of foreign officers and men into the Transvaal, however is most difficult to prove and before it can be asserted that quantities of ammunition and food stuffs are passing into the Transvaal from Lourenzo Marquez the facts must be absolutely sure.

England at present is directing a very keen and critical eye upon Delagoa bay, more so than is generally thought. A Delagoa Bay merchant explains how well the Boers, having no lack of money, are able to continue their persistent and ever increasing resistance:

"The Portuguese officials of the Delagoa port, and I know them well, are the most corrupt lot in the world. When the war commenced the Portuguese in Delagoa Bay, like everybody else in the world, considered victory a dead certainty for the English and therefore they at first put a certain curb upon the Boer importation of arms, recruits, etc. But since the English reverses, all that has been changed. They have turned round and are entirely against us.

ANOTHER BRIGADE

TO BE SENT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Royal letters, signed by the queen, are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various dioceses, authorizing a collection in the various dioceses, throughout England on Jan. 7 in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

The various city guilds have given an additional 12,000s. for the expenses of the imperial volunteers, beside gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia. The latest notable volunteers include two nephews of Lord Roberts, Maj. Charles Sherston and Maj. Maxwell Sherston.

The admiralty has decided to dispatch another naval brigade of 750 men to South Africa. It is believed that in mobilizing the eight division, the war office will have recourse, to some extent, to the militia, it being deemed inadvisible to denude the home garrisons overmuch of regulars.

LADYSMITH

WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT FOR SOMETIME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22—The only news from South Africa of the slightest importance up to 3 p.m. today is the report that Ladysmith is able to hold out for some time to come and a message from General Methuen, which, though undated, permits the assumption that his communications have not been cut.

General Methuen's complaint about the rudeness of his opponent is the latest surprise of this surprising war and judging from the tone of some of the comment, General Methuen's peevishness is more distasteful to many people in Great Britain than his continued silence would have been.

There is no diminution of the enthusiasm among the volunteers. All kind of offers are reaching Lord Chesham, who is to command the mounted volunteer force. Members of the stock exchange have already promised one hundred horses from their stables and an offer of an Irish contingent of 115 hunting men was accepted this morning.

Prince Francis of Teck, younger brother of the Duchess of York, sailed for Cape Town today with a detachment of the Royal Dragoons.

Lord Salisbury and General Roberts had a conference with the queen at Winsdor this afternoon.

METHUEN'S DANGER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There is much deep anxiety here as to the situation in South Africa and the pall of nervous tension grows more acute as the ominous silence continues in regard to Gens. Buller and Methuen.

Below all the enthusiasm evoked by the magnificent response to the call for volunteers is a strong undercurrent of criticism of the Kimberley relief column. It is none the less perceptible from the efforts made to smother it by suggestions in which the hope is father to the thought that the war office, had news from General Methuen which it is concealing for strategic reasons until his suggested withdrawal to the Orange river has been successfully completed.

News that Gen. Methuen has received a discourteous reply from Gen. Cronje has some direct value, as showing that his line of communication was open on Saturday last but the danger of his column being cut off has by no means vanished. It certainly appears probable that he will have to retreat. He is faced by a superior force of Boers. He is unable to advance while the Boers have always in this war sooner or later operated against the communications of the British columns.

Should Gen. Methuen be cut off by a Boer force seizing his old positions at Grass Pan and Belmont, the British might have another Ladysmith on their hands and even the most sanguine enthusiasts admit that with one Ladysmith the situation is critical enough.

If Gen. Methuen falls back he will be able to wait with perfect security the arrival of the 6th division when the forward movement will be resumed, and in view of the strength of the Boer position, a frontal attack does not promise movement, which means heavy reenforcements. The silence maintained at the war office as to Gen. Methuen's movements might be with the idea of keeping such a backward step secret until completed.

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Tell him, rather, how to get rid of them. Most infirmities come from bad blood and are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every person who has scrofula, salt rheum, humors, catarrh, dyspepsia or rheumatism should at once begin taking this medicine that the infirmity may be promptly removed. Remember

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FINANCE FIGHT

MONEY KINGS LINED UP IN MONEY FIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—One of the contributing causes of the financial earthquake, which fairly shook the very foundation of Wall street, and made to shake many of the solid institutions last Monday, was an amazing conflict of millions versus millions. With fearless daring two money kings set out to ruin each other, and the battle was finally called a draw when the United States government stepped in and forced a cessation of the ruinous hostilities.

In this battle of the giant millionaires John D. Rockefeller was the winner and Anthony Brady the loser.

The Standard Oil interests were arrayed against Brady and all he represented, which means the Whitney-Elkins-Widener-Ryan syndicate, which has been exercising dominating influences in the world of finance recently.

Monday's crisis failed to bring this great aggregation of wealth to terms, but a fierce raid on Brooklyn Rapid Transit, which sent the stock tumbling until it had lost 12 points, forced concession yesterday, and Brady, down in the mud, asked a compromise, and Rockefeller triumphed.

It was a great victory of this hundred-millionaire, but who suffered? A shrinkage in values of $100,000,000 was the price of the victory. But Rockefeller did not pay it.

CURTIS GUILD

MAKES A BIG HIT IN ST. LOUIS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Gen. Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the New England society of St. Louis last night at the Mercantile club, his subject being "Forefathers' Day." The only other set speech of the evening was that delivered by W. H. Hunt of St. Louis on "The Persistent Puritan."

A number of impromptu addresses were made and stories of New England life occupied the remainder of the evening. The guests included many of the most prominent citizens of St. Louis, with their wives and daughters all being natives of New England.

General Guild's speech attracted considerable attention and his scoring of New Yorkers for their election day lethargy was greeted with an outburst of applause.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

CABLES HIS MOTHER THAT HE IS SAFE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22—Lady Randolph Churchill has received a cable dispatch from her son, Winston Churchill, who was captured by the Boers and taken to Pretoria, and whose escape from there was announced December 14th, saying he had arrived safely at Delagoa Bay.

LOVING CUP

PRESENTED TO THE COLUMBIA'S CAPTAIN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRISTOL, R. I., Dec. 22.—A pleasing incident in connection with the recent victories of the yacht Columbia over the Shamrock in the international races, was the presentation of a handsome silver loving cup to Captain Nat Herreshoff by the employes of his ship building works here. Mr. Herreshoff was called to the works and there found all his employes assembled. Foreman Albert Alaby of the carpenters, made the presentation speech to which Mr. Herreshoff responded. The loving cup is of a simple, plain design, with three handles and rests upon an ebony stand. Upon it are engraved the names of eleven sailing vessels which have been built at the Herreshoff yard, beginning with the Pauline in 18[illegible] and ending with the Columbia in 1899. The names of [illegible] steam vessels are also given, commencing with the Anemone in 18[illegible], and ending with the torpedo boat Morris in 189[illegible].

STEAMBOAT SANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 22.—The steam ferry boat F. C. Fowler running between East Haddam and Tylerville, sank at her dock on the East Haddam side during the night and now lies nearly totally submerged. It is thought that she was either run into by some other boat or that she sprung a leak. The boat was owned by W. R. Goodspeed and was valued at $[illegible].

Go to "Fashion Corner" for the kind of Neckwear he would select.

ONE MAN KILLED

Terrible Wreck on Jersey Central Road

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—A wreck on the New Jersey Central railroad at High Bridge late last night resulted in one death and five persons were injured. Christopher Hulsider, a grocer, was killed and Peter Eick, Miss Ella Maxwell and Baggagemaster Frank Grant were among the injured. A local train was descending a steep grade when the engineer noticed a signal from a milk train which was at the station. The engineer of the coal train applied the air brakes, and detached his engine from the train and approached the milk train to find the cause of the delay and receive orders. The coal cars were not held by the air brakes and came rushing down the grade, striking the engine, pushing it into the combination car on the rear of the milk train. None of the injured men were seriously hurt.

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NERVOUS FEELING

EVIDENT IN BOSTON FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—There was a nervous feeling apparent in financial quarters before the opening of business this morning, but the leading men on State street were hopeful that no further serious disaster would occur here. Many brokers were timid as the result of the closing of the Globe National Bank by the comptroller of the currency, following the failure of the Broadway National Bank, the Squires concern and others within the past week.

The Globe bank did not open its doors this morning. The institution is on State street and was one of those concerns which did an immense business with operators in the Boston stock exchange. It was unwise speculation on the part of the former president of the bank that contributed greatly to the embarrassment. Recent failures here and heavy withdrawals of late hastened the final collapse.

Some of the authorities on financial affairs expressed the opinion at an early hour this morning that the closing of the Globe National, while it was to aggravate a situation already complicated, would not have the serious effect that would have resulted had the institution been closed last week.

News of the closing of the bank by order of Comptroller Dawes surprised the heads of many business and financial houses in this city, this morning, as the announcement of the action was not made until late last night. Some of the older financiers, however, said the step was not wholly unexpected. It was pointed out by these men that the action of the Boston clearing house in placing certificates within reach of the banks in case of emergency, was intended to provide for just such emergencies.

The Globe bank employes were all at their desks this morning, but on the door was a notice:

"Bank closed. In the hands of the comptroller of the currency.

DANIEL G. WING,
Temporary Receiver."

The stock market was expected to feel the disturbed conditions most keenly and many consultations were held and some active work was done in copper circles before the exchange opened.

Receiver Wing and President B. H. Stevens of the Globe bank declined to say anything about the situation this morning, but remarked that most likely they would have a statement to make later. There was no unusual scene around the bank, although a number of out of town customers, who came to draw money for Christmas were considerably upset by the information that the bank was closed. One man in particular, while not creating a scene, said in his excitement, "They have ruined me. I will come again and pump lead into some of those fellows." He went away with tears in his eyes.

The following statement was made by the National Shawmut Bank early today:

"That there may be as little inconvenience as possible to the depositors of the Globe National Bank and others, the National Shawmut Bank offers to advance today to all depositors in the Globe bank against their deposits 50 per cent. of the net amount of the same."

WOMEN TO BLAME

CHIVALRIC DEFENCE OF JOSEPH A. HOUGH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 22—Joseph Alonzo Hough told on the witness stand yesterday the most remarkable story ever heard in Middlesex county. He declared that May Smith pursued him with her attentions; that she was bold and forward, and that she sent him out that Sunday night last July to scare Harry Chadwick and so precipitated the struggle which ended in the young man's death.

Hough looked smaller and sicklier than ever when he slowly climbed into the witness chair. His voice was strong and clear. He said he was born in Southington, Conn., 31 years ago, spent nine months in the state reform school and that he has supported himself since he was 13 years old. He went from Middletown to Chester one year ago.

It is easier to say "Fashion Corner" than Merrimack Clothing Co., and the title fits.

HACKETT CASE

DOVER WOMAN IN COURT ON A PECULIAR CHARGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 22.—The continued case against Mrs. Mary Rendck Hackett, charged with being an accomplice in the burglary of her husband's residence on the Back River road on the night of July 12, 1899, was heard yesterday before Judge Frost of the police court and resulted in Mrs. Hackett being held for the February grand jury in $1000 bonds.

In consequence of the sensational developments in the case during the week the court room was packed with spectators. County Solicitor W. W. Scott conducted the prosecution and ex-County Solicitor John Kivel was counsel for the respondent.

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Gentlemen's shoes and slippers.
Gentlemen's house coats.
Gentlemen's umbrellas and gloves.
Gentlemen's neckwear and jewelry.
Gentlemen's hosiery and underwear.
Gentlemen's handkerchifs.
Gentlemen's white and colored shirts
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FILES A THREAT

Boston and Maine Talks of Leasing East Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Messrs. Wiggin, French and Bishop, the commissioners who have been appointed to consider the subject of the steam railroad crossings in East Boston, held their first hearing yesterday morning. Corporation Counsel Bailey appeared for the city, Mr. W. H. Coolidge for the Boston and Maine railroad, Mr. Samuel Hoar and Mr. Woodward Hudson for the Boston and Albany railroad, Mr. J. B. Warner for the National Dock and Warehouse company and the McQuesten Lumber company and W. H. Leach for P. S. Huckins & Co.

The meeting was preliminary in its character. Little was done except to settle upon the course of procedure in the hearings which are to be held, the question being whether the city or the railroads should proceed.

Mr. Bailey submitted that unless it was admitted that there is a necessity for a change, which he did not understand there was, the first question for the commissioners to determine was whether the crossings shall be abolished or whether the use of them shall be changed or regulated and he called upon the representatives of the railroads to state what position they propered to take in the matter.

Mr. Coolidge said that the first thing for the commission to do was to determine whether anything should be done and it was for the petitioners to put in evidence showing the necessity of doing anything.

Mr. Bailey maintained that the legislature, after deliberating upon the question for five or six years had determined that one or two things must be done, either the crossings abolished or their use changed and regulated.

Mr. Warner said that his client, the National dock and warehouse company owns about 15 acres of land near the terminal of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Mr. Coolidge said he thought it would be possible for the Boston & Maine railroad to accept some regulations in regard to the operation of the crossings which might remedy some of the existing trouble and while he did not feel bound to do so, he would be willing to make some suggestions at the next hearing.

The hearing was then adjourned to Friday, Dec. 23, the chairman stating that it would then be Mr. Bailey's duty to go ahead and show necessity on the question of whether anything or nothing shall be done.

CHILD KIDNAPPED

From Her Grandmother in Lawrence

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 22—Nellie Jordoff, a seven-year-old child, was kidnapped on Tenney street in the Arlington district at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The police went to work on the case and upon investigation found that the child's mother, who left the little one six years ago in charge of Mrs. Jordoff, its grandmother, was the one who secured possession of the child. The mother, who is now Mrs. Lambert, secured a divorce from the child's father, Smith Middleton, six years ago. Nellie was given into the care of her grandmother, who supposed the child was legally in her keeping, as the mother left the city and was not heard from. She came here two weeks ago but made no effort to take the child. Yesterday she came again, accompanied by a deputy sheriff and forcibly carried the child away to Pawtucket. The grandmother is distracted at the loss of the little one, whom she had come to regard as her own, but the police say nothing can be done in the matter.

Mr. John Lennon was reported as resting comfortably last night.

CRAZE FOR GLORY

Of Having His Picture in the Papers

SHOT HIS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

Solely for the Notoriety of the Affair

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 22.—John Edgar Gardiner, to get his picture in print, shot his wife and then killed himself yesterday.

Gardiner was 60 years old, his wife 25. They had been married but a short time and were living apart on account of his bad habits. On several occasions he had asked how she would like to see their pictures in a local paper.

He called at the house yesterday and asked her to come out, as he was going west. She declined, and he forced his way into her apartments, saying:

"See what I have brought you," then drew a revolver and shot twice, one bullet passing through her arm, the other entering her side.

The woman was able to get from the house to a neighbor's. When the patrol wagon, loaded with officers, arrived, Gardiner walked to the center of a room, in full view of the officers, and, placing the gun at his head, killed himself.

The authorities trace the double crime solely to the desire of the dead man to perform some deed that would warrant the publication of his picture in the newspapers.

CARGO OF COAL

First to go to Italy From Country

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Orders have been given for the Spanish steamer Onton, now in port, to load coal here for Genoa. She arrived several days ago from Bilbao, Spain, with a cargo of iron ore. As soon as possible, the steamer will be taken to the coal wharves and the amount she will take aboard will be about 3,700 tons. This cargo, it is believed, will be the first to go direct from her to Italy.

The Italian steamer Hercules, which sailed from this port a few weeks ago with a cargo of coal for Gibraltar, for orders, has reached the latter place, and it is reported that she will proceed to Genoa to discharge her cargo.

Philadelphia coal merchants, who ship both from this and Virginia ports have of late been invading ports in Europe which formerly were supplied by Cardiff. So great are the exportations expected to be in the future that the question of building American steamers for its transportation is being discussed in shipping circles. It is now pointed out that these vessels for return cargoes could get iron ore at ports in the Mediterranean from which a tremendous amount is to come next year. Announcement was made yesterday of the chartering of several more steamers to bring ore to this port from Greece.

GENERAL MILES

Talks of Struggle Between the British and Boers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Major-General Nelson A. Miles, Captain Wheeler, Captain Leevis and Judge Outwaite of the United States ordnance board, who arrived here yesterday to witness a test of the new smokeless powder, today went to Meadeville, Pa., to examine fifty new wire wound guns. Before leaving, General Miles, in expressing his opinion regarding the South African war, said to a reporter:

"The struggle between the British and the Boers is a very serious war. There have been some severe losses, and I believe there will be more serious encounters before it is ended. As to the probable results, I, of course, cannot predict.

"As to the tactics of the contending armies, both seem to be pushing what is termed 'Open order' methods. It is a mistake to compare the tactics of the Boers to those of our Indians. Their tactics are the white man's tactics.

"The outcome, of course, depends on the skill of the commanders, as it does in every war. The Boers have been preparing for it for the last ten years. In view of the circumstances, I do not think their showing so far is in the nature of a surprise."

DUKE IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 22—The attack of pneumonia from which the Duke of Westminster has been suffering, has taken a serious turn. The family has been summoned to his residence.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton has returned after four weeks spent at Dunstable.

Office of Superintendent of Public Buildings and Inspector of Buildings.
Lowell, Mass., Dec. 1[illegible], 1899.

Notice to Contractors.

Separate sealed proposals will be received at the office of Superintendent of Public Buildings till Thursday, the 28th day of December at 4 o'clock p. m. for the following work:

First. For the plumbing and gas piping of the High school annex.

Second. For the electric wiring of the High School annex situated at the corner of John and Paige streets and in accordance with plans and specifications prepared for the same by H. P. Graves, architect. Plans and specifications may now be seen at the superintendent's office. A certified check of 5 per cent of the contract price must accompany all bids and a bond of 25 per cent of the contract price will be required of the successful bidders. His Honor, the Mayor, and the Superintendent of Public Buildings reserve the right to reject any and all bids, serve the right to reject any or all proposals.

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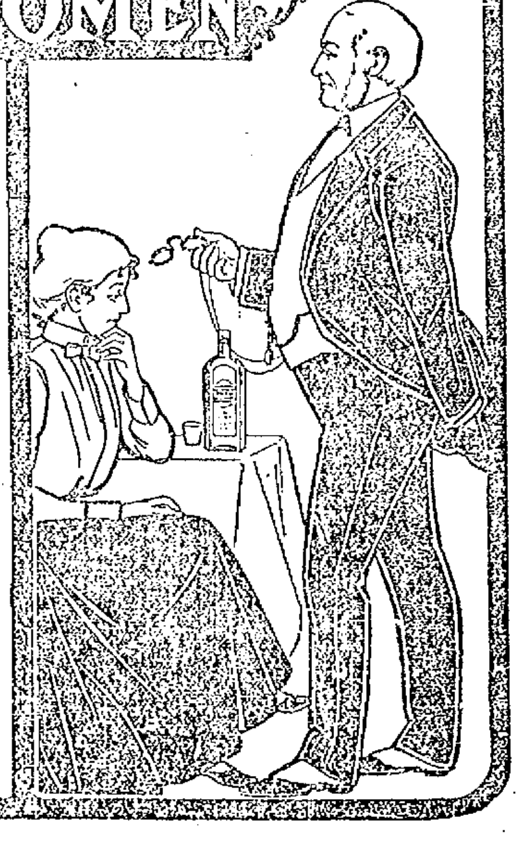

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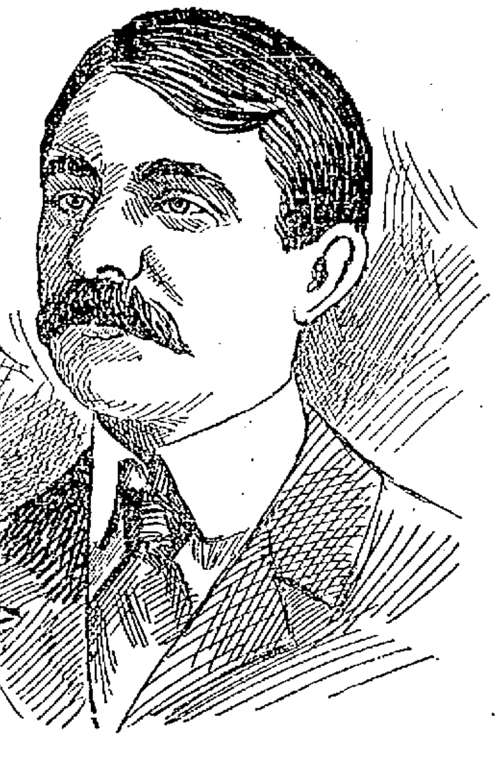

CHARLES H. COLE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE GLOBE NATIONAL BANK.

TO ARREST COLE

President of Globe National Bank

NOW AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Order of the District Attorney at Boston

HE CANNOT BE FOUND THERE

Charges of Irregularity Brought Against Him

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—The Globe correspondent here learns that late last night a telegram was received from United States government authorities in Boston directing the Los Angeles district attorney to detain former President Cole of the Globe National bank of Boston, on the charge of misappropriating a large sum of the bank's money.

The complaint and warrant for Cole's arrest were sent from Boston this morning.

Mr. Cole, his wife and son, have been at Varney's Hotel here since Sunday. Mr. Cole was about the hotel yesterday and his wife and son are still here, but Cole cannot now be found. A United States marshal has had instructions from the district attorney and at a late hour last night was waiting in the hope that Cole would return to the hotel.

EX-PRES. COLE'S CAREER

HE ENTERED THE GLOBE NATIONAL BANK AS A CLERK.

Charles H. Cole spent the best part of his life behind the counters of the Globe National bank. He has known what it was to be a subordinate and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of successive boards of directors that won him promotion from under clerk to assistant teller, thence to teller, from that to cashier, then to the vice presidency, and lastly to the position as the chief officer of the institution. It may be said that his business career was spent in this bank which has just closed, for it was only recently that his name was connected with any enterprise other than the Globe National bank.

Mr. Cole is about 53 years old and was born in Plymouth. He came to Boston when only five years old and was brought up in South Boston. After finishing his education in the Boston High school, he went to work in a private banking house in 1862. He obtained employment in the Globe National bank in 1865 as a clerk, and during the next 13 years he filled the offices of assistant teller and teller. He was industrious, modest, careful and reliable, and he won the regard of the former president, William D. Stevens. In 1881 Mr. Cole was so highly regarded that he was made cashier and he held this place until 1891, when he was advanced to the vice presidency. During Mr. Cole's term as cashier, so great was the president's confidence in him that his authority was extended beyond the ordinary limits of the power of the cashier.

Especially in the matter of loans he was permitted to exercise his judgment and matters that in most banks were within the sole province of the president, devolved upon the cashier of the Globe, so trusted was he.

It is said that during the last few years of Mr. Cole's term of office as cashier, he practically ran the bank, that he passed upon loans and issued them by simply advising the president and directors of the value of the paper presented in his opinion. So according to the story of Charles H. Cole's rise to the commanding position in the bank, he was the managerial head during the years when he was only the cashier.

It is said that the examinations of the bank paper since the retirement of Mr. Cole have shown that he had permitted overdrafts and sanctioned to some extent overloans to some concerns and individuals as far back as 10 years ago, when he was only cashier. This was said in explanation of the growth of this feature of the Globe National bank business discovered recently.

Mr. Stevens was succeeded as president by C. O. Billings in 1881 and this gentleman served until 1895. In 1891, Mr. Cole was once more elevated, this time to the position of vice president, and made one of the board of directors. He already had the authority of this place but the promotion increased his influence.

By this time Mr. Cole had gained a place of recognized standing in the banking community. When in 1895 Mayor Edwin U. Curtis was looking about for a commission to investigate and report upon the municipal finances, he selected Mr. Cole as one of three men to advise him in the adjustment of the city's business. Mr. Cole served as vice president under Capt. Charles E. Stevens during 1895-7, and when that gentleman died he was elected to his place. His career as president extended over two years and he retired November 6 last.

SUNDAY SERMONS

TO BE PREACHED AT THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES TOMORROW.

First Baptist—Morning, "The Glory of God;" evening, "The Baptist of Heaven."

First Unitarian—Morning, "Can We Do Without Christ?"

First Primitive Methodist—Morning, "The Marvellous Christ;" evening, Sunday school Christmas concert.

First Congregational church—Morning, "Joyous Eastern Star;" 4 p. m., vesper service, evening, Christmas Sunday school concert.

Westminster Presbyterian—Morning, "The Wonder of the Ages;" evening, "The Peerless Man."

Second Church of Christ, Scientist—Morning, "Christian Science."

First Presbyterian—Morning "The Star of Bethlehem; evening, "The Christian Triumph."

All Saints, Chelmsford—Holy Communion 10 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.45; Sunday school at noon; Christmas Eve service with sermon 7 p. m.; Christmas Day, Holy Communion 10 a. m. Sunday school festival, Tuesday, 7 p. m.

Salvation Army—Holiness meeting 11 a. m. Children's meeting, 1.45 p. m., song and praise service 3 p. m. gospel meeting, 7.30. The string band will assist.

Paige Street Free Baptist—Morning, "The Babe in the Manger;" evening, Miss Vena, state superintendent of primary school work will give a Christmas illustrated lesson.

St. Paul's M. E.—Morning, "The Lord Is Come;" evening, "Was the Angel Song a Sarcasm?"

Ayer City Union Mission—Christmas Sunday school concert at 3 o'clock.

Fifth Street Baptist—Morning, "The World's Great Festival;" evening, Christmas concert.

Centralville M. E.—Morning, Christmas sermon illustrated by blackboard; evening, Sunday school concert.

St. Anne's—Sunday evening, Dec. 24, Christmas eve, Sunday school carol service, at 7 o'clock; Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day; 7.30 a. m., first celebration of holy communion; 10.30, full services, sermon and holy communion.

Christadelphian Ecclesia — Morning, "The Heavens and the Earth Shall Shake."

Highland Congregational — Morning, Christmas festival by the Sunday school; evening, Christmas carol service.

Eliot Congregational—Morning, Preaching by Rev. G. R. Hewitt; evening, Christmas Sunday school concert in auditorium.

Grace Universalist—Morning, "Church in the Life of Today."

Immanuel Baptist—Morning, Mr. F. A. Hayward of this city who is studying at Colgate, N. Y., will preach; evening, Sunday school concert.

Gospel meeting and Bible study at Highland hall this afternoon at three o'clock. The heads and horns of Revelation will be studied. Everybody invited.

Central M. E. church (corner of John and Paige street)—Pastor Meredith's morning subject: The Wonderful Child;" Sunday school at noon. Epworth league at 5.45 p. m.; Christmas concert at 6.45 p. m. All seats free. Come!

Worthen Street M. E.—Morning, Christmas, "The Benediction Day of the Year," evening, Christmas concert.

Free Church—Morning, "God With Us."

Unity Meeting House— Afternoon at 4 o'clock; "The Men Who See Best in a Cloudy Day."

Worthen Street Baptist—Morning, "The Prince of Peace;" evening, "No room for Christ."

Highland M. E.—Morning, Christmas sermon and music; evening, vesper service.

Mrs. Nettie H. Harding will lecture and give tests for the First Spiritualist society, in Odd Fellows' hall, Merrimack street, at 2.30 and 7 p. m.

Elder C. O. Barnham will preach at the second advent church Grand street, morning and evening, Sunday, Dec. 24.

Central Congregational, Dracut—Morning, Christmas concert, musical director, Warren Hamblett; evening, Christmas sermon by the pastor.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY THE LOWELL IRISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Lowell Irish Benevolent society held at their hall, Wednesday evening, the following board of officers was elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Thomas F. Quinn; vice president, Morgan Reilly; spiritual director, Rev. Michael O'Brien; treasurer, John Whitely; financial secretary, John McCluskey; recording secretary, James Howard; executive committee, Hugh McOsker, Henry F. Keyes; standing committee, Peter Sheehan, Patrick Reagan, John Breen, Henry F. Maguire, John Rourke; sick committee, James Hiland, John J. Grady, Peter Driscoll; steward, Hugh Golden.

MUSIC HALL

Standing room was at a premium in Music Hall last night with the "High Rollers."

"Dad in Harness," introducing Otis B. Thayer and Beatrice MacKenzie will be presented at Music Hall for three nights commencing Monday, Dec. 25th. An extra matinee will be given Christmas day with the usual matinee Wednesday. "Dad in Harness" is a farce comedy by Kenneth Lee and is said to be one of the brightest comedies from the young author's pen, abounding in clean comedy, good music and amazing situations; specialties are introduced throughout the action of the comedy and from all accounts they are of a very high order. With a first class company goes far to make this one of the strongest attractions that has been seen at the Music Hall this season. All new special scenery is really a feature with "Dad in Harness."

Frank Rawnsley has been presented with a plush case containing a gold pen and pencil as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the young women of the U. S. Bunting company's drawing room.

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AT THE SCHOOLS

Entertainments Given at the Different Schools

BEFORE CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAY VACATION

Enjoyable Entertainment at Normal School

In all of the 12 public school kindergartens in the city, Christmas trees were given at the close of the term. At the Chapel street school the exercises were held Thursday afternoon and at the Lincoln school Friday afternoon. The trees were dressed entirely with the work made by the children and the entertainment consisted of the usual kindergarten Christmas exercises.

PAWTUCKET SCHOOL

HOLDS AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

A pretty entertainment was given at the Pawtucket school by the children yesterday afternoon. The program was as follows: Song, Ethel Roy; readings, Marion Batchelder, Bernard Kelly; character song, Anna Guyton and Chester Field; reading, Sarah Braden; reading, Helen Guyton. The program closed with a dialogue, in which Grace Mansfield played the part of Mother Goose and entertained the numerous children of her class. "Little Boy Blue," "Simple Simon" and all the others in appropriate costumes spoke their little pieces for "Mother Goose" and for the audience. The children were drilled by Miss Mansfield, one of the teachers. At the close of the entertainment, Principal Barry spoke a few words to the children wishing them all a happy Christmas.

The scholars in the first room at this school have been doing some particularly fine work in the way of pen and ink drawings and color designs. Some beautiful booklets and calendars were given out at the close of the afternoon session, as mementoes of the Christmas season. The work done is designed to cultivate literary as well as the artistic sense of the pupils.

BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

PRESENTED BY CHILDREN OF THE VARNUM SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the seventh grade of the Varnum grammar school presented Kate Douglas Wiggins' "Birds' Christmas Carol." The entertainment was under the direction of the teachers, Miss Grace W. Fitch and Miss Daisy B. MacBrayne. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, John McGrath.

Introduction of Story, Faith Doty.

Scene I. Carol tells Uncle Jack her Christmas plans.

Piano duet, Mabel and Fred Harvey.

Scene II.—Teaching dinner-party "manners" to "The Ruggleses in the rear."

Piano solo, Agnes Ryan.

Scene III. The dinner-party.

Violin and piano duet, Florence Nix and Annabel Mackenzie.

Story continued.

Scene IV. The choir boys.

Story concluded.

Recessional.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Mrs. Ruggles	Miss Daisy B. MacBrayne
Mrs. Bird	Antonia Roussel
Uncle Jack	Fred Walsh
Carol Bird	Hope Hathaway
Sarah Maude	Belle Duncan
Peter	Elmer Mitchell
Susan	Ethel Clarke
Kitty	Almina Forent
Clement	Norman Peabody
Cornelius	Royal Mills
Peoria	Mary Tarpey
Elly	Lottie Lane
Larry	Frank Whitcomb

Choir Boys—Paul Chandler, Earl Ober, Albini Fulsy, Walter Connelly, Grant Miller, Bert Tuttle, Fred Walsh, Earl Kimball, Fred Harvey, Charles Erdis.

Reader, Faith Doty.

A NICE PROGRAM

GIVEN BY THE PUPILS OF THE BUTLER SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the Butler school gave a very pleasing entertainment. Credit is also due to the teachers who so ably assisted them in carrying out the program.

A hearty welcome was given each one as they went on the stage. One of the most pleasing features was that of the quartette, which was composed of Miss Marion Doherty, Miss Margaret Cree, Miss E. Johnson, and Florence Holgate. James Bell and William Kershaw pleased the audience with their cornet and piano playing. The program:

Chorus, Adeste Fideles, school; recitation, Anon, Estelle Moors; club exercises, Amelia Howard; semi-chorus, Christmas song, six girls from Miss Foley's room; note to Santa Claus, Nellie Travers; Day After Christmas, Maude Fowler, Alex. Semple; quartette, "The Air Is Filled with the Echoes," Margaret Green, M. Doherty, E. Johnson, F. Holgate; graphaphone selections, Lettie Lord; son; "The Stocking's Christmas," Emily Thatcher; chorus "Shine Out, O Blessed," Grace Draper; violin solo, piano accompaniment; W. Cunningham, W. Kershaw; "When We Hang Up Our Stockings," Mabel Sykes; "The Flower's Fur-Coat," Blanche Walsh; semi-chorus, "Merry Christmas," pupils from Miss O'Brien's and Miss Marren's rooms; "A Boy Without a Sweetheart," Walter Brown; "Jess Before Christmas," George Severance; semi-chorus, "Old Folks at Home," boys from Miss Murphy's and Miss McCarthy's room; "In Santa Claus Land," May Lowney; cornet solo, with piano accompaniment, James Bell and W. Kershaw; "My Georgia Rose," Martin Maguire; chorus, "America," school.

The program was under the direction of Principal Callahan.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

BY THE YOUNG WOMEN OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon, just before the closing of the term for the holidays, a very pleasing drama, entitled, "Bachelor Maids," was presented by the young women students of the state normal school. The entertainment was followed by a reading. The cast of characters is as follows:

Miss Vincent, a nurse, Miss Dedre.

Miss Carruthers, a novelist, Miss Coleman.

Miss Lovering, a writer of advertisements, Miss Mageon.

Miss Taylor, a member of a college settlement, Miss Rollins.

Miss Beatrice Sinclair, Miss Jamieson.

Golden Lilies, a Japanese maid, Miss Lord.

The scene represented the "den" of the bachelor maids adorned with the paraphernalia of their various professions. It was very cleverly presented and gave much pleasure to the invited guests who were present.

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TEACHER REMEMBERED.

Miss Amy L. Tucke, a teacher in the Bartlett school was given a present yesterday, by her pupils. Master Harold Sherman made the presentation speech and the presentation was followed by an entertainment program as follows:

Songs, Marietta Leary and Luella Howar; recitations, Ida Peters, Luella Howar, Katherine O'Donohue, Athie Hoar, ora Ryan, Marietta Leary and Anastasia Murray; singing, "Christmas Bells," class.

CARTER STREET SCHOOL.

The following program was presented by the pupils of the Carter street school: Wreath drill, Della Goldberg, Margaret Mooney; Abbie Higgins, Gertrude Donovan, Annie Mead, Annie Donahue, Gertrude Humphries, Annabel Lowney, Winnie Burt, Orilla Luemesse, Jennie Shilgely; violin solo, Esther Pihl; "Mother Goose's Christmas," with the following cast: Mother Goose, Mary Leith; Little Boy Blue, Frank Purcell; Jack and Gill, William Boyle and Lizzie Seoble; Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe, Lizzie Shaunessey; Mary Quite Contrary, Annie [illegible]; Little Jack Horner, Frank Quirk; Little Miss Muffit, Grace Stockbom; Simple Simon, Frank Orvell; Mother Hubbard, Annie Patnaude; Peter Pumpkin Eater, Rudolph Brown; Bo Peep, Annie Ark; Dr. Foster, Hubert Senior; Tom, the Piper's Son, Samuel Miller; Johnny Green, Walter Finnegan; Santa Claus, Andrew Stormquist. The program closed with "Christmas Bells" by the school. Miss Katherine F. Brady was the accompanist.

CAMPAIGNING TOUR

OF PRESIDENT McKINLEY WILL BE 10,000 MILES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President McKinley will next fall duplicate, if not surpass the famous campaigning tour of Benjamin Harrison. His present plans are to cover the entire country. The president today assured Senator Perkins of California that he would accompany the delegation in congress from that state to witness the launching of the new battleship Ohio at San Francisco. This vessel is being built by the Union Iron Works and will be ready for the water in September or October. It is expected that this visit to the Pacific coast will be in its chief features a protracted rear-end speech-making tour. The party will probably go over the northern route and return by the southern lines through New Orleans and other gulf cities. Thus the south and west will be covered in a journey of 10,000 miles.

Before making this trip, the president it is said, will be given an opportunity to visit New England and New York. In this manner without the appearance of actual campaigning he will be enabled to perform arduous missionary work in every section of the union.

ENDED LIFE

SUICIDE OF A WAR VETERAN AT MEDFORD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MEDFORD, Dec. 23—Hugh M. Campbell, one of the oldest members of Gen. Lawrence post 66, G. A. R., of this city committed suicide some time last night at his home, 24 Webster street, by hanging from the baluster rail in the hallway. He had been despondent for some time. Campbell slept with his son, and some time during the night got up and committed the tragic act. His son missed him and upon searching for him, found him in the hallway suspended from the balustrade rail of the second story. He had been dead but a short time when found. The police were notified and word sent the medical examiner.

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SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last evening at the regular meeting of Court Columbus, Foresters of America, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chief ranger, D. Moynihan; sub chief ranger, C. Shanley; treasurer, S. D. Breen; recording secretary, Jas. A. McCusker; financial secretary, Dennis Healey; senior woodward, Daniel J. Burke; junior woodward, John M. Aherne; senior beadle, James M. Grogan; junior beadle, Cornelius Coyle; trustees, T. Conroy, John Moynahan; physician, Dr. James E. Leary.

Five candidates were initiated and two propositions were received at the regular meeting of Integrity lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., last night. During the evening Malcolm Curry, who has been the lodge's warden for seven years, was presented a handsome gold emblem of the lodge by his fellow members for his faithful services. The election of officers took place afterwards resulted as follows: Noble grand, Richard Chadwick; vice grand, James Brooks; elective secretary, Alexander Mitchell; treasurer, John McPhail; permanent secretary, Samuel Rodger; warden, Malcolm Curry.

A grand supper and entertainment was held last night after the regular meeting of Waverly lodge, Sons of St. George. Princess lodge, Daughters of St. George were present in a body to enjoy the evening. The entertainment was a finely arranged one and was made up of the following: Piano solo, Alfred Asquith; singing, "Hail, Smiling Morn," by all; dialogue, "The Henpecked Husband;" song, Joseph Fielding; hymn, "Christmas Awake;" song, "Anchor Weighed," William Sykes. A fine supper was served during the evening and the following committee had charge of the tables: Messrs. Joseph Fielding, William Kershaw, John Greenleaf, Mrs. William Ireland, Mrs. James Dawson, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Joseph Fielding, Mrs. Whitehead. At the business meeting $25 was donated to the widows of the English soldiers in the Transvaal. The sum will be sent to England and will go to the Rudyard Kipling fund.

Last night at the regular meeting of Columbia council, O. U. A. M., three propositions were received. Arrangements were completed for a steam clam bake to be held next Friday evening and all the members were requested to be present. Arrangements are also being made for the union fair to be given by the council and Daughters of Liberty at Associate hall.

Routine business only was transacted at the regular meeting of Independent council, Jr. O. U. A. M., last evening.

The regular meeting of Lowell lodge, I. O. O. F., was held last evening, and only routine business was transacted. After the meeting a collation was given and the members enjoyed themselves.

The people of St. John's church are fortunate in securing the services of the Dartmouth Glee Club for Tuesday. See notice elsewhere.

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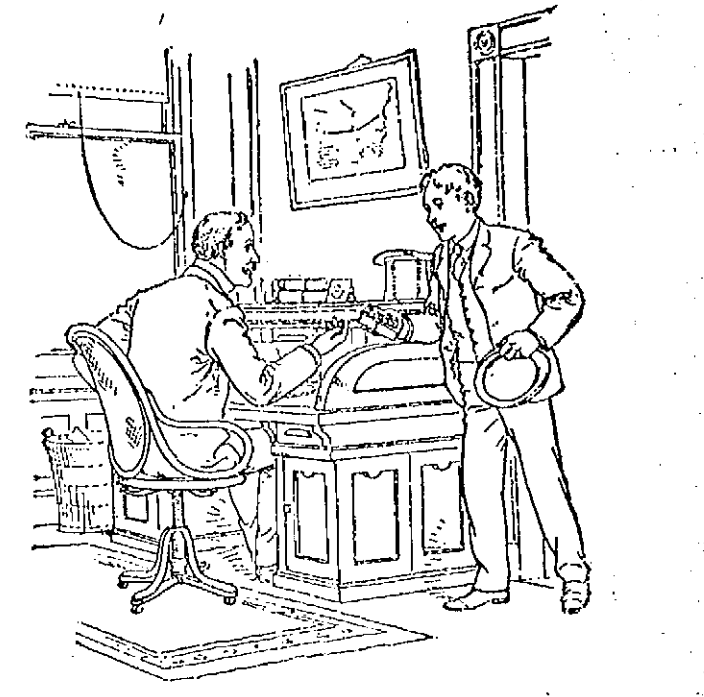

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MOB OF A 1000

Race War Breaks Out in Newport News

NEGROES PREYED UPON HEBREW MERCHANTS

Ex-Convict Shot on Entering a Store

THIS CAUSE A RIOT NEXT DAY

The Whole Police Force Called Out to Quell It

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 23.—Riot and bloodshed in the densely populated negro quarter known as Rockette was the culmination today of a feud between the negroes and the Hebrew residents who monopolize the retail business of that section.

The shops of the merchants have suffered from frequent depredations of late at the hands of negro desperadoes who flock here from every section of the state. Robberies have been of such frequent occurrence that many of the merchants have found it necessary to keep a night watch over their premises. At the store of Ida Rome, Sam Jacobs, Abe Levin and Sam White were on guard last night, when Phil Williams, a notorious negro ex-convict known as "Black Kid" broke into the house.

He was fired on by the three watchers who riddled his body with bullets. When the news of the killing was spread yesterday morning the negroes banded together and started in to avenge the Black Kid.

A mob 1000 strong took part in the affray that followed. The fighting began on Jefferson avenue when John Harper, colored, attacked Sam White, one of the men who had shot Williams. Isadore Kahn, a special policeman, put Harper under arrest. Razors, clubs, stones and pistols were used. The entire police force was called out. Two negroes were shot, neither of whom will die. Many were injured. The police are keeping a close watch on the negro quarter.

A GOOD ADVICE

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LOYAL BRITAINS

TWO YOUNG MEN LEAVE LOWELL FOR THE WAR.

Lowell is to be represented in the South African war for two young men of this city have decided to return to their native heath and enlist in the English army. The names of these patriotic young Englishmen are Alfred Watson, formerly hailing from London and George Boothroid from Huddersfield, Yorkshire. The young men have been living with James G. Birtwell at 62 Whipple street while in this city and worked for the U. S. Bunting company.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Secretary Courtney states that the applications for out-door relief are not as heavy this Christmas as formerly. The improved conditions and the warm weather probably account for it.

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ARE YOU AWARE

That The Sun issues three editions daily,—two, five and six o'clock? *The Night Edition*, six o'clock, is on the street at five o'clock. It contains all the latest local and telegraphic news. It is the only paper in Lowell that has all the news, and that is why it prints more copies daily than any two other local papers combined. If you have not been getting the night edition, tell your newsboy or dealer that you want it. Compare it with the other papers and you will be convinced that it has the news from twelve to twenty-four hours ahead of its contemporaries.

A Merry Christmas to all.

So the police pension act has been accepted by the city and now the board of police will proceed to apply it to the members who are within the age limit.

General Buller has retreated to a safe distance, and in so doing he has shown better generalship than did General Methuen, whose retreat is probably cut off.

We presume that General Buller is now personally conducting that commission that he appointed to appraise the damages to Natal by the Boer invasion. Perhaps he thought that after he had finished his Christmas dinner in Pretoria he would call upon Oom Paul to settle.

On Monday the Christmas festival will be observed in the usual manner by religious services, grand musical programs, exchange of gifts and general wishing of joy. There is just a little danger that the conventional observance of the feast will in some places overshadow its real meaning as the commemoration of the nativity of the Savior.

The aldermen, it seems, rather put themselves in the hole by ordering the electric light wires on Andover street under ground in violation of the ordinance which forbids a newly macadamized street to be torn up for five years after the macadam has been put on. Is not this an attempt to put the ordinance under ground?

Mayor Quincy has signed an order for a line of automobile vehicles in Boston, so that the people of Boston will soon be on a level with the European cities that use these new fangled conveyances very largely. As the bicycle and the electric car superseded the horse, so the automobile will largely supersede both and will serve for family use, thus overcoming the objections to the bicycle, which is used individually except in case of the horrid tandems, sextettes, and so on.

Some of the British aristocrats are volunteering for service in South Africa, and some, like the Duke of Marlboro, are to furnish troops of their own. In the various defeats inflicted by the Boers on the British the latter got the credit of making an orderly retreat, combined, we presume, with all necessary speed. That is more, we opine, than the aristocratic volunteers will be able to do if they ever get within range of the Boer guns.

The American Federation of Labor showed good judgment in re-electing Mr. Gompers as president and by denouncing the imperial policy in the interests of labor, as shown by the following resolution:

We (the A. F. of L.) are opposed to all wars of conquest, whether carried on in Africa or in the Philippines; that we most emphatically protest against the forcible annexation to this country of either Porto Rico, Cuba, Guam or the Philippines; that we are equally opposed to any increase in the army of the United States beyond the limit of 25,000 men and officers; and that the executive council and the legislative committee are hereby instructed to use every means in their power to carry out the provisions of this resolution."

The conservative press in England is alarmed at being left unprotected while the entire British army is sent out to South Africa. What if Russia would make a move that might destroy the balance of power? What if she makes a move upon India, or to take the lion's share of China? Oh, horrible of horribles, what a national calamity it would be if England's possessions should be invaded while her chief generals and practically all of her regular army are engaged in South Africa! There is a growing sentiment in London in favor of abandoning the war and taking Oom Paul at his word, as he says he will settle on easy terms, being willing to give England time enough to pay the war indemnity.

A WORD FOR THE SUN.

"Newspaperdom," a New York publication, has the following regarding the Sun's libel suit victory:

The Lowell (Mass.) Sun, sued for libel by the manager of the Lowell opera house for printing an adverse but truthful criticism of a performance, has secured in the superior court a favorable decision, sustaining the judgment obtained in a former trial.

The play under fire was criticized as indecent and vulgar, so the manager of the opera house brought suit. As indicated, the newspaper won.

This is a victory for the newspaper which might have been anticipated. And it is to be hoped that the example of The Sun may be freely followed.

It is as much the province and privilege of a newspaper to criticize adversely where such criticism is justified as to laud where such subject is meritorious.

A newspaper, in its position as the purveyor of interesting news about current happenings, has a perfect right to criticize what goes on in a public place. Indeed, it is its duty to do so. And it is surely a duty it owes to its readers to criticize adversely a performance meriting condemnation.

It is however too often the case that newspapers withhold just condemnation fearing the effect of such criticism on future advertising.

Newspaperdom is glad that the Lowell Sun ignored possible loss of revenue, and did its duty by its readers.

WHEN THE 20TH CENTURY OPENS.

It seems that in spite of all that has been said some people are not convinced that the twentieth century will not begin until January 1, 1901. If plain statements will not suffice to convince the skeptical, we will give plain figures without any argument, and surely the figures will not lie. The date of commencement and date of closing for each of the twenty centuries are given below and if anybody will count from January 1, 1800, until December 31, 1900, they will find that they have not a hundred years, but 101 years, which is more than a century, as it includes one year taken from the 19th century.

Jan. 1, year of 1, 1st century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 100, 1st century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 101, 2d century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 200, 2d century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 201, 3d century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 300, 3d century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 301, 4th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 400, 4th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 401, 5th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 500, 5th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 501, 6th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 600, 6th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 601, 7th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 700, 7th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 701, 8th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 800, 8th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 801, 9th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 900, 9th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 901, 10th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1000, 10th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1001, 11th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1100, 11th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1101, 12th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1200, 12th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1201, 13th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1300, 13th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1301, 14th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1400, 14th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1401, 15th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1500, 15th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1501, 16th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1600, 16th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1601, 17th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1700, 17th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1701, 18th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1800, 18th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1801, 19th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1900, 19th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1901, 20th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 2000, 20th century ends.

CRISP GOSSIP.

There's an absent-minded newspaper man in one of our local editorial rooms, and I saw him make a funny "break" a few days ago. The gas over his desk had bothered him some and removing the large glass globe he started in to investigate the mechanism of the burner. The globe is one of these paperweight affairs and as the newspaper man fiddled with the burner with his right hand he held the globe in his left. Having investigated it to his satisfaction, he went into his vest pocket with the free hand. Not finding one on that side he released his hold on the globe and shoved his left hand into the other pocket and come out of his dream as the globe struck the floor with a crash.

NEW DRILL SHED.

Owing to the unusual amount of fine weather and the diligence of those in charge, the work on the new high school armory is progressing rapidly, and if the present conditions continue the new building will be roofed in a few weeks.

The building when completed, will be used as a manual training school, and will contain rooms and equipment for instruction in carpenter work, machine work and work in the blacksmith shop.

A feature of the building will be the large drill hall for the high school regiment. It will be about the same size as the drill shed in the state armory on Westford street and in addition will have a gallery on all four sides, which will seat about 500 people. About eight class rooms and a large drawing room will be provided over the drill hall for school purposes in connection with the manual training instruction. The architect of the building is Mr. Harry Prescott Graves. The building promises to be one of the best in the state.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

TO THE EMPLOYES OF THE J. C. AYER COMPANY.

Treasurer Rose of the J. C. Ayer Co. treated the employes of that big establishment to a genuine and agreeable surprise yesterday, when the paymaster made his rounds. Mr. Rose in behalf of the company, presented every employe a cash Christmas gift equal to 10 per cent. of his or her weekly stipend.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

A successful dance was held at Bay State hall last night. It was attended by a good sized crowd and a good time was enjoyed by all. Keyes' orchestra furnished music during the evening and dancing was enjoyed until nearly midnight. The following was the committee in charge of the affair:

General manager, George McVicker; assistant, Thomas F. Kenney; floor director, George Shanks.

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COMPLAINTS HEARD

AT SESSION OF INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The hearing before the inter-state commerce commission called on account of complaints made by shippers against the proposed new classification of freight by railroads operating under the "Official Classification" was resumed yesterday.

By agreement, Frank Harriott, general traffic manager of the Erie railroad and a member of the "Official Classification committee" went on the witness stand to testify as to the new classification. He reiterated Mr. Gill's statement of yesterday, that the new classification was adopted because the railways absolutely needed the increased revenues.

Inquiries developed the admission by Mr. Harriott, that, on the average, miscellaneous cars carrying articles paying less than carload rates were being more heavily loaded now than heretofore and therefore, that the earnings of that class of traffic were greater.

It developed at this point that at a meeting of shippers and those representing their interests, former attorney general of Ohio, F. S. Monnett, J. H. Bromwell, and Mortimer Matthews of Cincinnati, had been appointed to present to the commission the action of the shippers. Mr. Monnett presented a set of resolutions adopted by the commercial interests directing attention to testimony adduced at the present hearing showing, it was maintained, discriminations by the railroads, against the small shippers in favor of the large shippers and to the fact that the railroads had declined to extend the time for the new classification to go into effect. These resolutions were supplemented by a petition by a large majority of the shippers in attendance upon the hearing asking that the commission lay the testimony before the attorney general of the United States with a view to have him bring action against railroads to prevent the new classification from becoming effective on January 1, 1900.

For sometime the attorneys of the shippers argued in favor of the commission, maintaining that the commission had no more authority to make recommendations to the attorney general than had representatives of the shippers.

It was determined finally that the shippers would offer some testimony and H. W. Brown, representing Schofield, Schner & Teagle of Cleveland, O., was sworn. He said the new classifications on petroleum would be absolutely ruinous to small shippers.

Mr. Brown said the small shippers of oil could not successfully compete with the Standard Oil company.

D. H. De Colyer, a carriage manufacturer of Cincinnati, testified that the proposed increase in the classification of vehicles would be destructive of competition throughout the country.

This closed the testimony and the hearing was adjourned.

GREAT ACTIVITY

GOING ON AT THE LOCAL POST OFFICE.

This morning the annual Christmas rush started at the post office, though during the week there has been a steady flow of people at the stamp window with bundles, boxes and letters and as the time passes the line of people seem to increase instead of diminishing.

On Christmas day there will be, as usual, one delivery at 8 o'clock in the morning for the entire city. Down town in the business centre the mail will be delivered all day as usual. The carriers will deliver packages as far as it is possible to do so, but in order to accommodate people who wish to get their Christmas mail on time cards will be sent to those who have packages in the office that cannot be delivered at once. In some of the residential sections of the city it is not unusual for the carrier to have on his route 500 or 600 packages, so it can be readily seen that it is impossible for all to reach their destination seasonably. Christmas day and the day following there will be four or five extra carriers, but the extra allowance is not large enough to provide for the prompt delivery of all the Christmas packages. Notifications are sent in order to enable the people to get their presents earlier, rather than to save the carriers.

The great flood of incoming mail will be on Sunday and Monday. Then the full force of clerks and carriers will be kept busy, instead of working alternate Sundays, as usual. All the mail that it is possible for the carriers to handle will be sent out on the 8 o'clock delivery Monday morning.

SOCIAL LABOR PARTY.

There will be a public meeting of the Social Labor party at Bay State hall Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Joseph Maloney of Winchester will address the meeting.

Mr. Charles H. Hooke, cashier of the Globe bank of Boston, is a Lowell man who has many friends here that will wish him clear sailing through the trouble which has come upon his bank.

THE CANDIDATES

Are Filled With Hope and Fear

CHANGES IN FIGHT FOR SUPT. OF STREETS

Ethor S. Foss Now in the Fight

The information that the republican members of the new city government will not caucus on Inauguration Day in order to select candidates for the municipal offices has been heard with delight by the candidates in the many-sided contests for it means that one man is as good as another until the very finish. Take the city messenger contest, for instance. There are 17 candidates out for it up to date and 26 members of their own party to vote for them. It would take a month to settle on a man and then there would be 16 soreheads because each one of them would claim that he could have had democratic votes had he been given a show. With a fair field and no favor it will be a merry war and maybe there'll not be some tall dickering and promising. The candidates as far as I can remember are Frank M. Fagan, democratic; and Lorenzo E. Smith, C. Frank Going, Fred Thomas, William E. Savage, Walter E. Hodgman, James McDowell, Fred Humphries, Homer Turcotte, Joseph Bergeron, Arthur Lyman, Patrick Falvey, George C. Evans, and Daniel G. McVey. Then there are others whose names I cannot at present recall. It will be a long fight and at present it looks like Fagan.

Though Laforest Beals says that he hasn't asked them as yet, his friends claim that he will have all the democratic votes against Supt. Cheney in the fight for the latter's job. If Beals wins and his chances are extremely good, the job which he holds at present will be vacant and it would make an acceptable berth for some worthy democrat while the assistant superintendency of streets should have a democrat holding it down. While the democratic members are not strong enough to land any of the big offices, they certainly hold the balance of power in all contests and by united action should pull out a couple of good "assistant" jobs for the party. Beals has always been friendly toward the democrats while Cheney has ignored them. Their memories are long.

Chairman Poore of the republican city committee having laid down his burden is putting up a great fight in his own behalf and the signs indicate that at last he is to get something more substantial than talk for his efforts in past years. While George was not the most scrupulous politician in the world, he nevertheless stands better with the democrats today than does Squire Qua, although that isn't saying much, for a third candidate could go in and defeat both of them as far as the democrats are concerned. A young man named Duncan, whom no one ever heard of before, is said to be a candidate, but as he has been admitted to the bar only recently it is doubtful if he will be seriously considered though they say he is a promising young man. James G. Hill, Jr., son of Capt. J. G., is also mentioned. Mr. Hill, while a clever and promising young barrister, is hardly old enough in the law to cut much of a figure in a contest for so important a position. With Poore and Qua the only contestants, Poore appears to be the stronger candidate.

"Gillow wants to hustle if he's going to win," said a councilman to me at city hall, yesterday. Gillow is insulting while Varnum lately is putting up a great fight among both democrats and republicans. Varnum believes that he has a first claim on the office, having held it until ousted by the supreme court in the famous quo warranto case which John J. Hogan, Esq., conducted on behalf of Ex-Supt. Richard Bray. Gillow, on the other hand, states that there can be no adverse criticism of his administration and for that reason he believes he is entitled to a second term. Gillow has and was not offensively partisan though he never forgot the fact that he is a republican. His friends are much incensed over the reported opposition of Capt. Mitten to his cause. They claim that the captain should take off his coat to his lieutenant rather than try to defeat him. Republicans like republics are ungrateful.

Supt. Wyman and Col. Pinder generally turn up at City Hall at least once a day and it is always their questionable fortune to meet. They exchange greetings with frost-bitten cordiality and one goes on to "do" the other. The remarkable feature of this contest is the fact that while there are only nine to vote on the question, each candidate is confident that he has a sufficient number to elect him which shows that one of the candidates is "on a rope." However, Secy. Courtney will be re-elected before either Pinder or Wyman is considered.

The Pinder-Wyman contest is a bitter one because it is a part of several of the fights, notably the Hayes-McKinley row. The Hayes forces are out for Pinder and the McKinleyites for Wyman. During the recent city election Hayes republicans turned out for Crowley because Putnam favored McKinley and one of them a member of the republican city comittee went into ward one and fought McKenzie simply because worked for McKinley.

Even the good old "has beens" are becoming rejuvenated for ex-Councilman John Oliver is a candidate for superintendent of commons. Oliver isn't going to be forgotten yet awhile and he'll give the young fellows quite a hustle. Whittet has the inside track because he's there and his brother Willie is an alderman, but Alex. Mack and Jack Tilton are in the game too, and Charlie isn't any too strong because of his independence while in office.

If his views and those of the committee on commons clashed at any time this year, Charlie invariably followed out his own views.

The fight for presidency of the Common Council is narrowing down to Councilmen Pickering and Walker and will be a most interesting contest. The Walkerites are making a cry against Pickering because he is a first year man, stating that he is making a bid for two years of it. Mr. Pickering's friends however state that their candidate is not out for two years. In this contest, the democrats will hold the balance of power again; more power to them.

Peter Mealey of ward two is one of the few prominent republican hustlers who is not a candidate for anything. He will continue to do the sparrow act in Merrimack square just as if there were not a republican in city hall.

There is some talk of George C. Evans pulling out of the fight for city messenger and jumping in with Cheney and Beals for superintendent of streets. He'd stand a better chance there than in with the 16.

MORPHINE VICTIM

Descendant of Hero Lawrence Dying

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Isaac A. Lawrence, sixty-seven years old, is dying in Bellevue hospital, a victim of morphine. He is a descendant of that Lawrence who epitomized the spirit of the American navy when he said: "Don't give up the ship." He was once wealthy but lost his fortune a few years ago. Two children, aged five and six, have been taken charge of by the Charity Association, on Thirtieth street, while a baby three years old is being cared for by Mrs. Martha Schwartz of No. 142 West One Hundred and First street, formerly employed as a nurse in the family.

An older son, William, eighteen years old, left the Lawrence apartment in No. 129 West Eighty-first street, Wednesday, with his mother, and neither has since returned, although the door of the apartment stands open. Within all is disorder.

Isaac Lawrence was poor during his early manhood. He was left a fortune of $156,691 at the age of forty. Then he married a pretty young woman, who bore him seventeen children, all but four of whom are dead. The living are William, eighteen years old; Laurie, six; Lester, five, and Isaac, three.

He went to Mexico with his bride, made fortunes and lost them, and returned to New York several years ago with a few thousand dollars.

He established his family in apartments at No. 58 West Ninety-third street. They moved to West Thirty-eighth street fourteen months ago, and last October took the flat in Eighty-first street.

Lawrence had not the courage to fight against ill-luck and began the use of morphine.

The Lawrence family had been in the Eighty-first street apartment but a few days when the neighbors noticed their strange life. Miss Burroughs of district No. 7 of the Charity association, was requested to investigate. She found in the Lawrence apartment an extraordinary condition of affairs. The little boys, nearly naked, were playing on a costly Oriental rug, faded and the nap turned, with a broken Sevres vase and silver they had knocked down from the sideboard. The father was lying down half conscious in a morphine stupor, and Mrs. Lawrence was also under the influence of the drug, it is said.

The two oldest children were taken to the institution on Thirteenth street. The youngest was taken in charge by Mrs. Schwartz of No. 142 West One Hundred and First street.

Mrs. Lawrence had mortgaged her furniture to a Lawrence company to get money on which to live. All day yesterday and up to late last night Mrs. Lawrence had not returned to the apartment which she had left the day before.

A GAME SUPPER.

Ex-Alderman Elwin W. Lovejoy entertained a party of friends with a game supper at the St. Charles Hotel last evening, and a merry time was enjoyed.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB.

The Tuesday morning recital is omitted. Wednesday, Dec. 27, choral class. A full attendance is urgently desired.

Monday, Jan. 1 reception and club tea at 3.30 o'clock p. m. There will be short speeches by the officers of the state federation at 4 o'clock, a recital by the Carl Baer quartet, followed by the reception from 4.30 to 6 o'clock. This afternoon is reserved for club members, the holders of transferred tickets, their out-of-town guests and the guests of the club.

Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, recital, composer Mendelssohn.

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2, literature department, Browning class, conducted by Miss Julia E. Ward.

Wednesday, Jan. 3, choral class.

Thursday, Jan. 4, lecture by Hamilton Mabie, subject, "Some Hints from Nature."

The work of the history department, Mrs. F. W. Clark, chairman will begin Monday, Jan. 15th, with a lecture by Miss Anna B. Thompson. Attention is called to the course of historical readings suggested by Miss Thompson and printed on the club calendar.

DEBATERS MET.

A meeting of the Debating club was held yesterday afternoon in Room 20 Lowell High school, and the subject of debate was: "Resolved, that a college situated in the city is preferable to one located in the country." It was a floor debate, the principal speakers being Messrs. Ford, Cutter, Haworth, Goddard and Wright. A large number of old members of the school being home from college during the Christmas holidays. The debate was very interesting as well as instructive.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED.

The Alpine club and Knights of Columbus tournament scheduled for last evening has been postponed to next Friday evening, owing to the many other attractions of Christmas week. The session will be held at the rooms of the Alpine club.

GAMES POSTPONED.

The game scheduled to take place last night at the Y. M. C. I. alleys between Teams Four and Five was cancelled, owing to the non-appearance of some of the rollers. The game scheduled for Monday night will be postponed and played off later in the tournament.

COURT WILL NOT INTERFERE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States Supreme court yesterday announced its refusal to interfere in the case of Edward Clifford, under sentence of death in Hudson county, N. J., for murder committed in 1896. The case came to this court on an appeal from a denial of a writ of habeas corpus by the United States court for the district of New Jersey. Clifford has been under sentence of death three times. The supreme court directed that its mandate issue immediately.

A COSTLY DRUNK.

Thomas Doyle, a young man employed to drive a team by his brother, sold the outfit to an expressman yesterday afternoon for the sum of $15, and got drunk with a portion of the proceeds. While in this condition he was picked up by Officer J. R. Crowley and sent to the police station, where he was booked for drunkenness. Whether his brother will press a charge of larceny remains to be seen.

BETRAYS MOTHER

In Order to Win His Suit

SUED FOR HIS WIFE'S PROPERTY

Claimed His Mother Had Two Husbands

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Canadian, Alphonse Verrault, had to say yesterday in a hearing before John Vincent, as referee, at No. 32 Nassau street, that his mother knew, while she lived in New York as the wife of Norman F. Howe, that her husband was alive in Canada.

Alphonse Verrault had to say this. If he did not say it, Howe's claim that Mrs. Verrault, ignorant that her husband still lived, was his wife in the common law, and that his gifts to her were in their allied interest would defeat Verrault's suit for the property.

Verrault had to say that she had no illusion of that sort. It had seemed to Verrault a simple thing to say. He had sued Mr. Howe, administrator of his mother's estate, to regain her property for himself and his nephews.

Mr. Howe said: "Neither Mrs. Verrault nor I knew that her husband, Dominique Verrault, was alive. We were not married at church, because she was not sure of his death. He abandoned her 45 years ago. Her property was mine. I had given it to her on condition that it would revert to me if she died. We were as husband and wife. Her first husband, her children by her first husband, were not in her mind for an instant."

Mrs. Verrault died in September. Her acquaintances here had known her for 25 years as Mrs. Howe. Mr. Howe obtained letters of administration easily. Alphonse Verrault intervened. He has a power of attorney from his father, Dominique Verrault, and from his late brother, Dominique Verrault, Jr. They are his mother's heirs.

He had to say that his mother deceived Howe expressly. If he was deceived; otherwise his suit would fail.

Verrault's counsel aided him by questions that were leading, that required only a "yes" or a "no." Verrault is not learned; he is not refined in manner. He has a dull face, wider at the chin than at the forehead, and has the air of one who will do what his idea of necessity dictates, come what may.

He hesitated. The question whether he he had talked to his mother of her husband in Canada since she called herself Mrs. Howe in New York was put to him in French, in English, in patois of Quebec. He replied to it in his interest, finally. He said yes. But his struggle of filial reverence against interest and, perhaps, hatred of Howe, must have been intense.

Mr. Howe shook his head deprecatingly. He is tall, well built and impressively dignified. He has large, dark eyes under black eyebrows, a close-cropped white beard, a clean-shaven upper lip. He is a retired commission merchant. In his indignant eyes one read easily resentment at the idea that Mrs. Verrault was aware that her husband was living at St. Edward, or at Point Levi, in Canada.

Her son, Alphonse, and his elder brother, Dominique, lived with her here from 1865 to 1875. Alphonse Verrault said he gave to her news of his father in 1882 and several times afterward, in his occasional visits to New York. Mr. Howe looked at him in amazement. He said that Mr. Howe read the letters that the sons wrote to their mother from Canada—letters in which Dominique Verrault, Sr., was mentioned—and replied to them.

Dominique Verrault is 80 years of age. He lives at Point Levi, province of Quebec, in the home of his son, Alphonse.

A notary from there came here to say that the old man was not in his dotage, that he had a good memory and talked cogently. The notary, George Simeon Theberge, could not understand English, it had to be translated to him.

He gave a copy of the record made by a priest of the Church of St. Jean Port-Joli, of Dominique Verrault's marriage to Zelie Charron, whom her friends here knew as Zelie Verrault Howe. Mr. Theberge said that Dominique Verrault had never received a notice of his wife's desire to be divorced from him. He wept at the news of her death that the notary gave him.

James P. Niemann is the attorney for Verrault; J. P. Solomon the attorney for Howe. The testimony is to be continued on January 3 at 2 p. m.

HEARTLESS THIEF

ROBBED WIDOW'S HOUSE WHILE SHE ATTENDED HER HUSBAND'S FUNERAL.

When Mrs. Eliza Thompson returned from attending her husband's funeral Thursday afternoon she found a man in her house at 71 Railroad street. He had effected an entrance by means of a duplicate key, according to Mrs. Thompson, and was searching the different rooms for valuables. Mrs. Thompson locked the door and opening the window yelled for assistance. The intruder coolly unlocked the door with his duplicate key and made his escape. After he had gone, Mrs. Thompson investigated to learn if he had taken anything and found a clock missing. She called at the police station and notified the inspectors.

Mrs. Thompson's husband, William, it will be remembered, was the war veteran who dropped dead Wednesday afternoon.

SENATOR FORAKER

SPEAKS ON AUTHORSHIP OF THE GOLD PLANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Foraker in answer to the statements concerning the authorship of the gold plank of the republican platform of 1896, said yesterday:

"The statements published by Mr. Payne, Governor Merriam, Senator Hanna and Senator Proctor do not conflict with any statement that has been made by me, neither do they help in in any way Mr. Kohlsaat.

"The point in issue was whether or not Mr. Kholsaat drafted the gold plank and forced its adoption upon the committee. The statements show that he had nothing to do whatever with the framing of that plank except in common with other republicans, and refute his claim of authorship."

REV. FR. GIGEAULT RETURNS.

Rev. Fr. Gigeault, O.M.I. of the Immaculate Conception church, who has been at Hotel Dieu, Montreal, for the past few months has returned to the Immaculate Conception church.

Calendar for the year 1900 with a fine picture of the Battle of Manila Bay, which Dewey fought successfully and so bravely, are now being distributed free by J. L. Chalifoux. Call early as the number is limited.

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HELP IT ALONG.

The Salvation Army, as is its custom will furnish a Christmas dinner for the deserving poor of Lowell. Ensign Blackman says he is meeting with glad and generous support from the people in general. Many individuals have made donations of food and already over 250 pounds of meat have been pledged. The First Universalist church has promised 100 pounds of turkey and the Lowell Packing and Provision company has promised 20 pounds and Swift and Bailey have already donated 50 pounds. The army needs about 250 pounds more of meat and all donations should be sent to Ensign Blackman, Army Headquarters, 11 Warren street. The dinner will be served Christmas day from 12 to 3 o'clock. About 690 tickets have been printed and already nearly 600 have been distributed.

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By a special and particular arrangement with the manufacturers of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, free trial bottles of this great medicine for the Kidneys, Liver, Bladder and Blood, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Constipation, will be sent absolutely free, postpaid, to all persons suffering from any of the diseases mentioned above who will send their full name and postoffice address to the Dr. David Kennedy corporation, Rondout, N. Y., providing they mention this paper when they write.

A very simple test to determine whether your Kidneys or Bladder are diseased is to put some of your urine in a glass tumbler and let it stand 24 hours; if it has a sediment or a cloudy ropy or stringy appearance, if it is pale or discolored, you do not need a physician to tell you that you are in a dangerous condition. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy speedily cures such serious symptoms as pain in the back, inability to hold urine, a burning scalding pain in passing it. Frequent desire to urinate, especially at night, the staining of linen by your urine and, all unpleasant and dangerous effects produced on the system by the use of whiskey and beer.

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LAWTON'S BODY

Placed in Paco Cemetery Temporarily

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 22, 12.30 p. m.—General Lawton's remains were placed in the chapel in the Paco cemetery this morning. Private services were held at the residence and the body was carried to the cemetery by members of the general's staff and escorted by Troop I, of the 4th cavalry. Public services will be held later.

ENGINEER KI

In a Collision Between Two Trains

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22—William Lanigan, an engineer of the Lackawanna road, was killed, and his fireman, Herbert Shulte, probably fatally injured in a collision this morning between a passenger train of the Buffalo & Southwestern railroad, and an engine of the Lackawanna at the junction of the two roads in the suburbs of this city. The passengers on the [illegible] Southwestern train were badly shaken up, but so far as could be learned, no one was injured.

STRANGER HELD

AT HAVERHILL FOR LARCENY AT PLAISTOW, N. H.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 22.—A stranger giving his name as James Tracey, was yesterday arrested by the police here and will be charged with breaking and entering a store in Plaistow, N. H. He is alleged to have sold several pairs of gloves in this city, which, it is said, were stolen from the store of John Sleeper in Plaistow.

Three other men also thought to be implicated are as yet free.

And now the feminine mind turns to the Merrimack Clothing Co. "Fashion Corner" for the choice styles of men's furnishings.

MOLINEUX TRIAL

EXPERT TOLMAN CALLED AS A WITNESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Henry S. Tolman, a handwriting expert from Chicago, was called to testify today in the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Kate Adams.

He said he had testified in from [illegible] to 50 cases in court and had been engaged in the United States service deciphering and deciding on disputed writings. He had at one time been professor of medical jurisprudence in the University of Vermont.

Mr. Tolman said when he was given specimens to work on in this case he made a study of them entirely alone and unaided by any suggestions, not even knowing, he said, whom the prosecution suspected to be the writer of the poison Cornish letters.

When asked by Mr. Osborne to tell the jury in his own way the characteristics found by him in arriving at a conclusion as to disputed writings, the witness told of the striking resemblance in pictorial effect between the writings in the Barnet and Cornish letters and the now admitted writing. He first looked for the peculiarities in these admitted writings and found them to be strong as to muscles but weak as to will power.

Mr. Tolman said, however, that a most striking illustration of fading muscular impulses was to be found in the writing of the defendant's own name. There was a large capital "M", a large "O" and then running out to almost an unintelligible "x."

At this juncture, Mr. Tolman was asked to step from the stand and Mr. Osborne asked permission to allow a clerk of the Lincoln National bank to identify some of Harry S. Cornish's writings. This was allowed and Chas. Elliott Warren took the stand. In answer to questions he said Harry S. Cornish was one of the bank's depositors and had been for a number of years. Cornish was requested to stand up in the court room and was identified by Mr. Warren. He was shown a signature card, required by all banks of its depositors and identified the signature.

When Mr. Osborne offered the signature card in evidence, Mr. Weeks asked permission to cross-examine the witness. It was given and in answer to questions, Mr. Warren said he did not see Mr. Cornish write the signature on the card.

Harry S. Cornish was called up and asked to place his signature on a piece of paper. Mr. Warren was requested by Mr. Osborne to look at him while writing it. The paper was then marked for identification and Mr. Warren testified that he saw Mr. Cornish write it. The signature card previously marked for identification and the signature written by Cornish in court were offered and admitted in evidence as standards of comparison.

Mr. Cornish was again called up and was asked to write before the witness and the jury the contents of Exhibit D the Harpster letter signed "H. Cornish" and Mr. Weeks objected. He was sustained by the court and Mr. Cornish resumed his seat. Mr. Osborne stated that the reason he wanted it done was because Cornish used a typewriter and that there were few specimens of his handwriting in existence. Mr. Weeks here interposed again and called the attention of the court to the fact that the assistant district attorney had suspended the examination of Mr. Tolman for "only a minute" and that he had put this witness, Mr. Warren, on the stand and was examining him exhaustively. The court would not listen to Mr. Weeks' point and Mr. Warren examined and identified a number of H. S. Cornish's signatures.

The three bogus Cornish letters, Exhibits D, E, and G, were examined by the witness and he testified that they were not in the handwriting of Cornish. He also testified that the signature H. C. Barnet on the Barnet letters was not in the writing of H. S. Cornish.

LAWTON'S PROBABLE SUCCESSOR

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is said at the war department that the vacancy in the list of major-generals caused by the death of General Lawton will not be filled until after the funeral services over his remains at Manila, prior to their transport to the United States. It is said among well informed officers of the army here that the appointment will go to either General John C. Bates, Gen. S. M. B. Young or Gen. Lloyd Wheaton. It is also understood that Brig-Gen. A. R. Chaffee who has been chief of staff to General Brooke, commanding the division of Cuba, is likely to be relieved of duty in that division soon and given an important command with the army in the Philippines.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

CONFERENCE HELD

BETWEEN STRIKERS AND LONSDALE CO.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 22.—A conference was held today between the committee representing the strikers and the executive council of the National Federation of Textile operatives and the officials of the Lonsdale company.

The members of the committee admitted that they had not investigated the rates paid by other manufacturing establishments. There are 25,000 of these looms in operation in the country and two thousand are running in New England. The agent suggested to the committee that its members should investigate for themselves the accuracy of their information which they agreed to do.

A general meeting of the striking weavers will be held this evening, when the committee will make its report. Tomorrow the strikers receive their first weekly allowance from the National body.

PLOT TO ESCAPE

NIPPED IN THE BUD BY JAIL OFFICIALS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—Officers at the state prison at Cranston discovered a plot among several of the prisoners to seize the keys and escape from the premises. The plot was discovered by letters on the person of Spiker Murphy, one of the most notorious of the criminals confined there. Involved with him were St. Paul Tip, one of the men recently sentenced for participating in the Portsmouth car barn robbery; Lippman, a 23-year man, and a man named Garnett, serving 8 years for forgery. It is believed that all the car barn robbers were interested in the plot and there may have been others also.

And now the feminine mind turns to the Merrimack Clothing Co.—"Fashion Corner"—for the choice styles of men's furnishings.

SPEEDY CONVERSION

OF AN ENEMY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—One of the latest converts to Catholicity in this country is a Methodist minister who had been an A. P. A. lecturer. He is Thomas A. Cella of St. Joseph, Michigan. For the last eight years he has lectured against the Catholic church and the priesthood in many leading cities. About eight months ago while passing through St. Joseph, Mich., to fill engagements in the northwest, he was compelled to stop off on Sunday morning, and he attended services at St. Joseph's church. After the conclusion of the Rev. James J. Gore's sermon, Mr. Cella called at the priest's residence and said he was conscience-stricken because of having spent so many years attacking the Catholic faith, and he wished to be admitted to the church. After six months' instruction from Fr. Gore, the lecturer was finally received into the church. A few weeks ago, Mr. Cella with a class of forty children was confirmed by Bishop Foley of Detroit.

You will be as easily understood by saying "Fashion Corner" as Merrimack Clothing Co.

PRINCE KAWAUAUKA

IS MAKING A VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Prince David Kawauauka, of the royal family of Hawaii, is in this city. He has been visiting his aunt, ex-Queen Liliuokalani, in Washington and is on his way to Honolulu. Since the annexation of the islands he had dropped his royal title and calls himself an American citizen.

"I am not in favor of the resolutions or of annexation," said the young man last night, "but since they are accomplished facts I have turned in with the tide and I propose to make the best of the situation."

Kawauauka was educated in Italy, in addition to having received thorough English instruction on the islands. He speaks English fluently. He is 33 years old. He is with Samuel Parker, once chamberlain of the royal household.

Another travelling companion is Attorney George D. Gear, of Honolulu, an annexationist who had been in Washington looking after some appeals from the Hawaiian supreme court and seeking to have the islands given the right to elect their own judiciary, instead of having the present judges given life terms.

BIG FIRM ASSIGNS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The large dry goods establishment of John M. Conklin & Son of Brooklyn made a general assignment today. The assignee, Edward F. Reagan, said the store would resume business later in the day. The house was established a year ago by John M. Conklin, who died last August. His son, William H. Conklin, has carried on the business since that time. No statement of the assets and liabilities has yet been made.

Joseph A. Bailey of Westford street goes to New York today to be gone until Wednesday.

Omega Oil cures Rheumatism

The man who says Rheumatism can't be cured by external treatment don't know what he is talking about. He don't know about Omega Oil. Rheumatism *can* be cured from the outside, and Omega Oil is the liniment that does the work. Sometimes one bottle is enough, and in bad cases it takes two or three bottles. All that is required is a patient, persistent use of this green-colored oil from Switzerland. It should be well rubbed in. It is a real vegetable oil, remember. It won't evaporate like other liniments. You have to work it in through the pores of the skin with the palm of the hand. If you can't get at the seat of pain yourself, get some one else to rub the oil in for you.

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SUPREME COURT RENDERED OPINIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States supreme court yesterday rendered opinions in two cases involving private land grants in New Mexico, both opinions being by Justice Peckham. The first case was the claim of S. Endicott Peabody to the Vallecito grant of 114,000 acres near Ojo Caliente, and the other that of J. Francisco Chavez to a grant of 5,000 acres in Valencia county near Tameon. Both grants were made by the provincial authorities of New Mexico under Mexican rule and both were declared by the court of private land claims to be invalid on the ground that the granting authority was inadequate. The opinion handed down today affirms the opinion of the lower court and is adverse to the claimants.

It is easier to say "Fashion Corner" than Merrimack Clothing Co., and the title fits.

DIST. ATTY. GARDINER INJURED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—District Attorney Gardiner met with an accident last night in his office and as a result he is confined to his apartment today. Col. Gardiner had gotten upon a chair to turn on one of the electric lights when the chair overturned and he fell on his side.

The injury was a severe one and he lay in a partly dazed state for an hour before he recovered.

DISTILLERS ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—United States Marshal McCabe this morning arrested Andrew and Elijah Abraham doing business as distillers at 21 Back street, under the name of Abraham Brothers, for violations of the internal revenue laws. The men are charged with having removed tax paid stamps from casks of spirits without destroying the stamps and with having such stamps in their possession.

FORMER WELL KNOWN CAPITALIST ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—A special to this city from Claremont says that a writ has been served by the chief of police on John L. Farwell, ex-president of the defunct Sullivan Institution for Savings and formerly a well known capitalist of Claremont. Mr. Farwell and his friends furnished bonds in $1,000. A writ was also served on John L. Farwell, Jr. The litigation arises out of the failure of the Farwell banks in Claremont four years ago. Action was brought by Lawyer Upham of Boston to recover a claim of Mrs. C. A. Wilson.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph H. Boardman will be pained to learn of his continued illness at his home in Hanks street.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan W. Shaw of Kennebunk, Me., formerly of this city, are guests of their son, W. S. Shaw, of Broadway, during the holidays.

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PLATT'S CHATTELS

SEIZED BY SHERIFF IN NEW YORK ON A JUDGMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The sheriff is in technical possession of all the property and effects of the republican state committee in its headquarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Deputy Sheriff George Rinn went to the committee rooms yesterday and levied upon the committee's furniture by virtue of an execution issued upon a judgment against Treasurer McAlpin in favor of Edgar M. Franklin, spellbinder and pamphlet writer for $530.10.

As there was no one representing the committee in the rooms when Rinn called who could tell him what furniture belonged to the hotel and what to the committee, he levied on everything in sight.

In the meantime Rinn is looking for Gen. E. [illegible] McAlpin, the treasurer of the committee, to make a formal demand upon him for the amount of the judgment.

He will also ask the general to tell him where the committee keeps its bank account and what funds are on hand. Arthur Hurst, counsel for Gen. McAlpin and the committee, said yesterday that he would carry the case to the higher courts.

The present judgment is an affirmation by the general term of the city court of the decree of a trial term entered upon the verdict of a jury allowing Mr. Franklin $150 and costs for his services during Roosevelt-Van-Wyck campaign. On the trial of the case Franklin said that the committee had promised to pay him $50 for speeches to be delivered at German meetings and for a pamphlet which he was to write to influence the votes of those following the fortunes of the German-American Reform Union. He said that all he ever received for these services was the sum of $37.

SENATOR ALLEN

POLICE AFTER QUAY'S FOE FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Abraham L. Allen, state senator, school director, prominent anti-Quay republican, Sunday school superintendent and reformer, is being hunted by the Central station detectives, who have a warrant for his arrest, charging him with embezzlement. The amount is variously estimated at from $5,000 to $12,000, representing money retained by him when he was a delinquent tax collector in the employ of the city.

The alleged embezzlement was discovered two weeks ago. Allen is said to have acknowledged to a friend that he needed $5,000 to make restitution. This amount he is said to have obtained, but instead of using it to make his deficiency good he disappeared.

At the home of Mr. Allen at No. 2118 North Twentieth street, tonight, everything was in confusion. A moving wagon was in front of the door and in the house carpets were being taken up and boxes and trunks stood around in the halls. Mrs. Allen said her husband left town on business about a week ago, and was not expected back for three or four weeks.

Abraham L. Allen is a brother-in-law of Harvey K. Newitt, who is now undergoing a sentence of two years' imprisonment with Ellery P. Ingham in the Eastern state penitentiary. He has always been respected and admired by his neighbors.

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Selectman Lewis of Tewksbury Sued

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Suit has been brought by Mrs. Vira Moody of Tewksbury against Selectman William T. Lewis of that town in an action of tort the damages being placed at $15,000. The writ is returnable in the superior court next February. Philip J. Farley is the counsel for the plaintiff, but he declined to say anything about the matter for a day or two. The plaintiff, who was seen yesterday morning at her home just beyond the railroad crossing at the almshouse station also peremptorily refused to say anything. She added that there was absolutely nothing to say.

Mr. Lewis was not seen. He had been in the Centre during the morning and had also come in to the city. But he had gone to his home in Ballardvale. Several other well-known residents of the town were also seen, but they were not inclined to talk about the matter. All that could be learned was, that the suit is based on alleged remarks attributed to Mr. Lewis and which are claimed to affect the character and standing of the plaintiff in the town. Mr. Lewis did not know what the claim was and communicated with the plaintiff's attorney to find out. He has no recollection of making remarks on which a suit could be based.

The plaintiff is from 55 to 60 years of age and has been a resident of the town for about 20 years. She was at one time employed in the Tewksbury institutions; having a daughter employed there now.

One of the Tewksbury citizens said to a reporter: "Mr. Lewis has an excellent standing in the town and enjoys the confidence of the community. He is not considered a man given to slanderous statements and if there has been any gossip concerning the plaintiff it is thought singular that he should be selected as the one responsible therefor."

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

In effect October 2, 1899: Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.25, c6.45, *7.45, *8.51, c9.15, *9.50, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, c4.00, 4.35, c5.41 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.40, 6.29, c6.45, w6.55, 7.01, *7.20, *7.25, 7.31, *7.41, w*8.00, *8.51, c9.10, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.02, *11.42 a. m.; w12.00, 12.16, w12.45, 1.43, w2.30, c3.03, w3.10, [illegible], w3.55, 4.25, w5.15, 5.22, c5.40, w*6.10, *6.22, 7.00, *7.10, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 7.20, 7.25, w8.15, 8.48, 9.13 a. m., w12.06, w4.00, 4.25, w6.30, 6.53, w7.25 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.23, w6.50, z7.34, w8.30, w9.25, 10.05, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, w2.30, w3.10, 4.15, w5.15, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, w10.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.53, w7.25 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 4.25, w5.15, 5.53 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.15, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, 11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30, 7.25 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, z7.34, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, z7.34, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m. for Somersworth and Portland.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 6.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 6.15, p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast, and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.; 6.15 p. m., ex. Saturday for Belfast and Rockland. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John's, N. B., Halifax, N. S., Montreal and Quebec, 6.15 p. m. (6.15 does not connect Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland), on (Mondays for St. John only) and Thursdays, at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 6.15 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.23, 7.01, 7.31, *7.43, 11.03 a. m.; 1.43, 4.28 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer and Way Stations—7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.01 and 6.45 p. m. SUNDays, 2.15 p. m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.12 a. m.; 1.00, 3.41, 5.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.12 a. m.; 3.41 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.40, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.19, 1.00, *1.40, 3.41, *5.40, 6.27, *8.10, *8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only), 3.03 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, 8.10, 8.40 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *1.40 (to Franklin only), 5.40, *a8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.40 a. m.; 1.40 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *9.40 a. m.; *1.40, *a8.40 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Jct., Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal, via Central Vermont Line, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *a5.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line, *9.40 a. m.; *a8.43 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *9.40 a. m.; *8.40 p. m. ex. Sat.

References:
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bWednesdays and Saturdays only.
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cVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junction.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC

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In all the churches of this city the feast of Christmas will be observed with all the elaborateness of yore. In those of the Catholic faith the beautiful story of the nativity will be illustrated by the scenic reproduction of the manger in Bethlehem, known in the Catholic world as "The Crib." The Protestant choristers will relate the story in tuneful carol and anthems. In some of the churches the Christmas observance will take place tomorrow, but in the Catholic and Episcopal churches it will take place on Christmas day. The observance begins in the Catholic churches with high mass at sunrise. Then low masses are celebrated hourly until 10.30, when the morning services conclude with solemn high mass. In all churches special and elaborate programs are to be rendered by augmented choirs with orchestral and organ accompaniments, which have been prepared and below many of them are printed, as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

Director Faulkner has arranged a most beautiful program for Christmas which with the fact that Rev. Fr. O'Heath will then celebrate his first mass in public, will make the last service of the day of extraordinary solemnity. The solos at mass and vespers will be sung by Daniel J. Donahue, Esq., the well known baritone, who though a member of St. Patrick's choir, has not sung in public for some time. The program is as follows:

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.
Prelude .... Organ and orchestra
Gounod's Messe Solemnelle (St. Cecilia's)
Veni Creator .... Faure
D. J. Donahue.
Offertorium, Splendente te Domine ..
.... Mozart
Quartette—Miss J. Flinn, soprano; Miss O'Hearn, alto; E. F. Faulkner, tenor; Frank McCarty, basso.
Glory to God .... Choir
Postlude .... Organ and orcestra
Vespers, 7.30 o'clock p. m.
Prelude .... Organ and orchestra
Psalms, Domine ad .... Millard
Dixit Dominus .... Millard
Confitebor .... Fisher
Beatus Vir .... Fisher
De Profundis .... Schried
Memento Domine .... Schried
Jesu Redemptor .... Mozart
Magnificat .... Lambillotte
Alma Redemptoris .... Mozart
O, Salutaris .... Faure
D. J. Donahue.
Tantum Ergo .... Rossini
TeDeum........ choir and congregation
Choir, 40 voices, assisted by Hibbard's full orchestra, E. F. Faulkner, director; M. J. Johnson, organist.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.
Morning.

Asperges .... Witzke
Vidi Aquam .... Gregorian
Introit .... Gregorian
Graduale .... Gregorian
Mass, Solennelle .... Rossini
Offertory, Noel .... Van Reyschoot
Postlude, Date Sonitum .... Costa
Solemn Vespers, 6.30 p. m.
Ps ....Emerick and Sir John Stephenson
Hymn, Jesu, Redemptor .... Gerbet
Magnificat .... Hadyn
Anthem to B. V. M. Alma .....Donizetti
O Salutaris .... Rossini
Tantum Ergo .... Terziani
Hymn, Glory to God .... Robinson
The American orchestra will assist the choir.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
High Mass, 10.30 a. m.

Asperges, Novello; mass (St. Cecilia), Gounod; offertory, "Noel," Van Reysschoot; Veni Creator (adapted) Battisti.

Vespers 7 p. m. Psalms: Domine ad, Emmerich; Dixit Dominus, Emmerich; Confitebor, Emmerich; Beatus Vir, Emmerich; De Profundis, Schmidt; Memento Domine Schmidt; hymn, Jesu Redemptor, Mozart; Magnificat in C, Lambillotte; anthem, "Alma," Mariani; "O Salutaris," (from Messe Solennelle") Rossini; Tantum Ergo, Millard.

Chorus of 40 voices, with the regular church quartette; Mrs. Jas. Murphy, soprano; Miss Nano Gallagher, contralto; Mr. T. P. Boulger, baritone; Mr. Jas. A. Murphy, tenor and conductor; Miss C. M. White, organist.

SACRED HEART CHURCH.
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.

First mass of a newly ordained priest, celebrant, Rev. Wm. R. Flanick; assistant priest, Rev. Jos. Mangin, D. D., deacon, Rev. Thos. Murphy, O. M. I.; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Leclair, O. M. I.; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. P. Reynolds, O. M. I.; assistant priest in sanctuary, Rev. Lawrence C. P. Fox, O. M. I.

Musical Program.
Kyrie .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Gloria .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Veni Creator .... Millard
Credo .... Lambillotte
Sanctus .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Agnus .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Vesper Service 3 p. m.
Domine Ad .... Millard
Dixit .... Millard
Confitebor .... Est
Beatus Vir .... Est
Laudate Pueri .... Zingarelli
Laudate Domine .... Est
Jesu Redemptor .... Gregorian
Magnificat .... Mozart
Alma .... Lambillotte
Ave Verum .... Mercadante
Tantum Ergo .... Gosh
Mr. John McMahon, tenor soloist; Miss Adelaide Sullivan, soprano soloist and organist.

GRACE UNIVERSALIST.

The pastor, Rev. R. A. Green, will have for a subject, "Christ in the Life of Today." The musical program will be as follows: Christmas pastorale, organ; "While the Stars are Gleaming Bright," Newcomb, quartette; hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story;" "Rejoice O Zion," quartet; offertory solo, for violin, "The Angels' Serenade," Mr. Dwyer; tenor solo, from Elijah, Mr. Long; hymn, "It Passeth Knowledge, That Dear Love of Thine;" "Sing, O Heavens," Bertnold Tours, quartet; processional, organ. Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt, soprano; Mrs. Blanche L. Burns, alto; Mr. Osmond Long, tenor; Mr. William H. Palmer, bass; Mrs. Nellie F. Sturtevant, organist and musical director; Mr. J. P. Dwyer, violinist.

St. John's Church.
Christmas day and Sunday, Dec. 31, at 10.30 o'clock:

Processional, "Come All Ye Faithful"
.... J. Reding
Venite .... J. Stainer
Gloria Patri .... D. Buck
Te Deum, key of A ....John E. West
Benedictus .... C. L. Williams
Introit, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
.... Mendelssohn
Kyrie .... E. J. Eyre
Gloria Tibi .... H. Smart
Hymn, O, Little Town of Bethlehem,
.... L. H. Redner
Offertory, The Hallowed Day Hath Shined Upon Us ....J. Stainer
Sanctus .... C. Gounod
Hymn .... Brown
Gloria in Excelsis .... Old Chant
Retrocessional from "The Realms of Glory .... H. Smart
Anthem service, Sunday evening, 6.30 o'clock:
Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful.
.... J. Reding
Choral service .... Tallis
Gloria Patri .... Beethoven
Magnificat .... M. B. Foster
Nunc Dimittis .... M. B. Foster
Anthem, The Heavens Proclaim Him,
.... L. Von Beethoven
Hymn, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,
.... Mendelssohn
Offertory, Ye Shall Go Out with Joy,
.... J. Barnby
Recessional, Angels From the Realms of Glory .... H. Smart

FIRST UNITARIAN.

The following musical program will be rendered:
Organ Sonata in C minor Mendelssohn
Sing a Song of Praise" ......King Hall
Quartet.
(a) Recitation, "Comfort Ye," (b) Avia "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted,"
.... From Handel's Messiah
Mr. Edmunds.
Christmas Carol .... Osgood
Quartet.
"O, Holy Night" .... Adam
(Soprano solo and Quartet.)
Postlude .... Guilmant

KIRK STREET CHURCH.
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It will be Christmas Sunday indeed at Kirk street. The Bulletins will be in the form of a Christmas greeting with halftone pictures of the Madonna, and Del Sarto's Annunciation, distributed morning and evening. The morning sermon, "The Child and the World-Powers." Special music: "All They of Saba Shall Come," Rheinberger; "Before the Heavens," H. W. Parker; "The Birthday of a King," (carol), soprano, Neidlinger; "Behold! I Bring You Glad Tidings," Wellund.

"The organ recital at 6.15. Pastoral "Hark, What Mean," two mixed quartets and double quartet, Barnby. Song service led by organ, orchestra, Apollo, ladies' and mixed quartets and chorus. Bohemian Carol, "Come All Ye Shepherds," .... Riedle
Apollo Quartet.
"Holy Night," .... Barnby
Church Quartet.
"A Shining Star," (carol) W. A. Bartlett
Offertory, Cornet and Apollo quartet antiphonally
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," (carol) .... Redmer
Ladies' Quartet.
"Who Is This So Weak and Helpless?" Leslie, church quartet, Apollo, Ladies' chorus and double quartet. Recessional "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Willis, soprano, two mixed quartets and double quartet.

The pastor's prelude, "Stockings and Trees," Sermon, "Magic of the Manger," Everybody welcome. Audience requested to be in their seats early.

Some of D. L. Moody's Favorite Hymns will be sung at the evening service.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Christmas Vespers, Four O'clock.

The Men's Social club have arranged for a pleasant Sunday afternoon of song. A specially prepared responsive service will be used. The following are the special numbers.

Organ Prelude, "Hallelujah," .....Handel
Mr. Solon W. Stevens.
Quartette, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" .... Dow
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Christmas.
Mr. McDaniel, Cornet Accompanist.
Quartette, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," ...... Wallace
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cornet solo, Selected.
Mr. Roscoe McDaniel.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Antioch, Cornet Accompaniment.
Christmas Poem .... Alfred Dommet
Read by the Pastor.
Contralto Solo, "A Dream of Bethlehem," .... Paul Rodney
Mrs. George E. Burns.
Quartette, Selection.
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Rathbun.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CONG.
Christmas Sunday, 10.30 a. m.
Voluntary, Organ and Orchestra.
Invocation.
Doxology.
Hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."
Responsive Reading, Lesson, 15.
Apostles' Creed, Gloria Patria.
Antiphonal Music of Psalm, 24: 1-6.
Chorus and Children's Choir.
Song by the Children, "Hail! Hail! Hail!"
Recitation, "The Babe of Bethlehem."
Charlena Grant.
Scripture Recitation, Luke 2:8-11.
The School.
Nettie Studley.
Solo, "Under the Stars."
Exercise, "Story of a Star."
Primary Class.
Song by the Children, "Silver Bells Ring It."
Prayer.
Scripture Reading, Matt. 2: 1-11.
Exercise, "Wise Men."
Intermediate Class.
Offertory.
Offering Song.
Millie Wentworth.
Chorus and Children's Choir.
Antiphonal Music of Psalm, 21: 7-10.
Sermon, "The Song of the Angels."
Hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings."
Benediction.
Processional.
12 m. Christmas Lesson.
6 p. m. Union Meeting of all departments of the Y. P. S. C. E., subject, "Our Royal Brother."
7 p. m. Illustrated lecture on "The First Christmas," with a large collection of new and beautiful pictures, masterpieces of art.
Monday, 6.30 p. m. Christmas entertainment with Christmas trees and so forth. All children free.

ST. PETER'S.
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.
Organ Processional.
Mrs. John McKennedy.
Kyrie .... Marzo
Gloria .... Marzo
Veni Creator .... Haydn
Credo .... Marzo
Offertorium.
Adeste Fideles.
Sanctus .... Marzo
Agnus Dei .... Marzo
Glory to God.
Solemn Vespers, 7 o'clock.
Domine .... Millard
Dixit .... Millard
Laudate .... Zingarelli
Laudate Dominum .... Est
Hymn, Glory to God.
Magnificat .... Mozart
Alma Redemptoris .... Pleyel
Ave Verum .... Millard
Tantum Ergo .... Rossi
Laudate .... Noel
Choir of 30 voices, Mr. C. F. Calnan, director. Mrs. John McKennedy, organist. Special music at 9 o'clock service.

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Gloria .... Greecetorex
Anthem, "All Hail the Morn," Sanford
Tenor Solo, "The Christmas Bells,"
.... Greely
Mr. Oscar W. Walsh.
Quartette, "While Shepherds Watched,"
.... Herbert
Mrs. Pepin, Miss Reid, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Reid.
Sermon: "The Glory of God."
Anthem, "The Angel's Song," .. ..Gabriel
Sunday school at 12.
Evening, 6.30.
Organ, "Gavotte in E."
Anthem, "A Saviour Which Is Christ the Lord."
Soprano Solo, "The Star of Bethlehem,"
.... Marzo
Mrs. W. H. Pepin.
Quartette, "The Angel's Message"
.... Herbert
Soprano Solo, "Night of Nights,"
.... Van de Water
Sermon, "The Imprint of Heaven."
J. Avison Baker, musical director.

MARRIED BY WIRE

Romantic Event at Winchester, Kentucky

COUPLE HAVE LONG BEEN SWEETHEARTS

The Wire Tolls for Service Cost $26.50

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WINCHESTER, Ky., Dec. 23.—Miss Lizzie Hummons of Winchester and Trooper Samuel Wheeler of the 9th cavalry, stationed at Fort Wingate, N. M., were married yesterday by telegraph. The distance between the points is 1700 miles, and the telegraph companies, to accommodate the young couple, made special efforts and established a circuit. Rev. S. P. Young of Winchester officiated for the bride at this end of the wire and Chaplain Forster of the fort acted in a like capacity for the bridegroom.

Up to a year ago Wheeler lived here. He and Miss Hummons had been sweethearts, but it was not until after he had enlisted in the army and been sent to New Mexico that she promised to become his wife.

Then the difficulty that necessitated the marriage by wire arose. The young woman's father, fearing that Wheeler would not take his daughter for his wife after she had taken the long journey, refused to let her go.

Wheeler tried in vain to obtain a furlough. Finally he confided in the chaplain. The situation was canvassed thoroughly, and after numerous plans were discussed it was suggested by the chaplain, half in jest and half in earnest, that he might be matrimonially joined by means of telegraph.

The young man instantly approved the suggestion and arrangements were made to proceed with the scheme, the bride and her father consenting. Every operator along the line helped to make the ceremony the success it proved to be.

Dr. Young read the brief service and it was flashed over the wire. Then came the chaplain's service on the part of the groom. The father gave his consent and all was over.

The tolls amounted to $26.50. The bride started this afternoon to join her husband.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

Edward W. Clark of Tewksbury Appointed

Edward W. Clark, a well known citizen of Tewksbury, has been appointed a deputy sheriff. The appointment was made yesterday by Sheriff Fairbairn. Sheriff Stiles has been made a court officer.

Col. James H. Carmichael has petitioned to the county commissioners for a pardon for Amhil Souza, a prisoner of the Lowell jail, who is now at the corporation hospital, suffering from scarlet fever. Souza was sentenced to four months to jail and he has served three months of that sentence. Judge Hadley and Probation Officer Tuttle are among the signers of the petition. Souza is now out of danger and will be able to leave the hospital in a week.

NO PRICE FIXED

STATE BOARD COULD NOT SETTLE TROUBLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LYNN, Dec. 23.—The state board of arbitration and conciliation visited Lynn yesterday, and gave a hearing in Co., on a petition of the firm and employes to fix a price list for making a new grade of shoes introduced in the factory.

The firm and shoe workers union and the employes are members of that organization.

The board was in session in the factory from 9 until 10.30 yesterday morning and heard the statements of the workmen and the firm, but was unable to fix a price for the work, as the information at hand was insufficient to warrant it in doing so.

The meeting was adjourned to a future date to enable the firm and the men to get information in regard to the prices paid for the same grade of work in other shoe factories, and as soon as this is done the board will give another hearing and determine a fair price.

The Five Cents Savings Bank is back again on a four per cent. dividend paying basis.

At a meeting of the trustees, recently held, it was decided that the earnings of the bank as well as present financial conditions warrant a return to the old rate, the greater demand for money and the higher rates that have prevailed during the past few months being reflected in increased earnings, which show a safe margin for surplus above the dividend to depositors.

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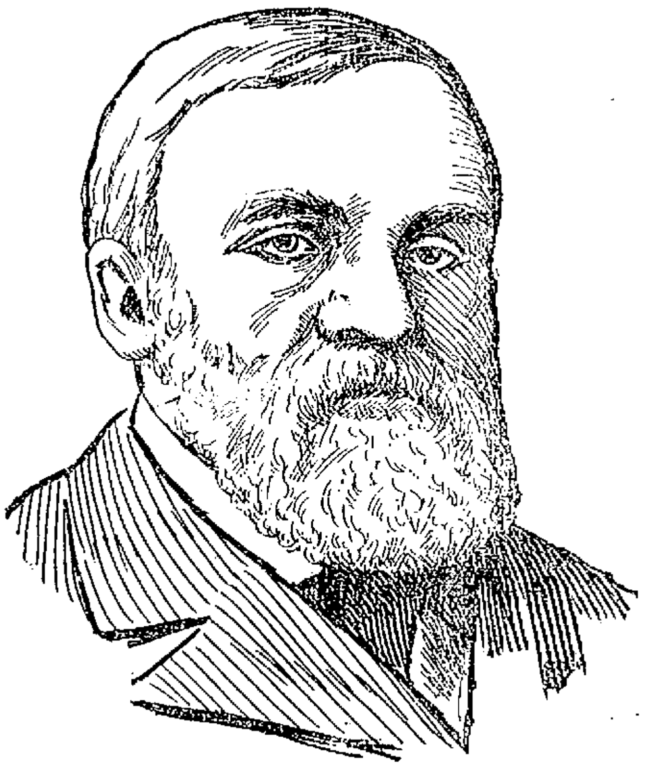

THE LATE DWIGHT L. MOODY.

THE LAST WORDS

Spoken by Dwight L. Moody Before Dying

HE HAD NO FEAR OF DEATH

Remains Will be Buried on Round Top

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Dec. 23.—As the noonday hour drew near the watchers at the bedside of Dwight L. Moody, who passed away yesterday, noted the approach of death. Several times his lips moved as if in prayer, but the articulation was so faint that the words could not be heard. Just as death came Mr. Moody awoke as if from slumber, and said with much joyousness: "I see earth receding, heaven is opening. God is calling me," and a moment later he had entered upon what one of his sons described as a "triumphal march into heaven."

The arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been fully completed; but the services will be held next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Congregational church. The burial will be on Round Top. This is a spot on the seminary grounds near Mr. Moody's home lot, which has been famous in connection with the summer meetings, and on which hundreds of student gatherings have been held, many of them conducted by Mr. Moody himself. On this account it seemed to the family fitting that the burial should be at that spot.

The Northfield, the summer hotel connected with the Moody schools, will be opened for the accommodation of friends coming to attend the funeral services, the hour of holding the latter being governed by the time of the arrival and departure of trains.

All three of the Moody schools are at present closed for the Christmas vacation. Telegrams and other messages of sympathy have been received by the family from friends, admirers of and co-workers with Mr. Moody in all parts of the country.

Dr. Wood says that Mr. Moody did not have the slightest fear of death. He was thoroughly conscious until within less than a minute of his death. Dr. Wood says the cause of his death was heart failure. He adds that the walls surrounding the heart grew weaker and weaker. While it is true that Mr. Moody had symptoms of brights disease a few days ago, his death was due, the physician says, to dilation of the heart. There had been dilation in a gradual way for the past nine years. The family had been told some time ago that Mr. Moody might get out and about, but still he was liable to drop away at any time.

There were present in Mr. Moody's chamber yesterday morning when he died, his wife, his daughter, Mrs. A. P. Fitt, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Moody, Paul Moody, the youngest son; Dr. N. P. Wood and Miss Powers, the nurse. Mrs. Moody has carried herself during the sickness of her husband with the greatest bravery and patience, but when death came she was prostrated. As soon as Mr. Moody's death was known in the village, the greatest sorrow was shown.

FLAHERTY'S FIGHT

Lowell Man Made Game Battle

The Albany Argus gives the following account of the Flaherty-Sullivan fight at Troy, N. Y., Thursday night, when Sullivan knocked Martin out in the 20th round, with but 20 seconds of the round to go:

Spike Sullivan added another knockout to his list Thursday night at the Manhattan Athletic club, Troy, N. Y., and it was the second for the famous Irish fighter this week. Martin Flaherty of Lowell, as game a fighter as ever stood in the squared circle, was his victim this time and when the fatal blow came one minute before the expiration of the 20 rounds, there was a general feeling of sympathy among the 2000 spectators. The bout will go down on record as being the second best in importance and skill to that of the Dixon-McCarthy melee [illegible] decided in this section. Had the fight come to a decision, the best that Referee "Jimmy" Colville could have done would have been to declare it a draw, for although Sullivan cut loose in the last few rounds, yet Flaherty had the advantage of the greater number of the rounds.

"No such fight ever occurred in this vicinity, for two men of the same gait in ring tactics were facing each other. Each was a rough boxer who loved hurricane fighting and was not afraid to bore in for more. In infighting Flaherty had the best of it, as 'Spike' quickly realized but the latter's reach and height stood him in good stead at long range and he resorted to this style the greater part of the time. It was the roughest bout ever witnessed here, considerable wrestling being indulged in, and frequently either man would be thrown forcibly to the floor. Sullivan would make a good catch-as-you-can wrestler, for he used the strangle hold so often, that his adversary's wind was cut off on numerous occasions, and he had to drop to the resined floor.

"There is no more famous boxer before the public today than the man from Ireland, 'Spike' Sullivan, and consequently he was the favorite among the spectators, and in the betting he was a 100 to 60 shot. 'Spike' has a wonderful right arm and he uses it to advantage."

FORTY DROWNED

School Children Go Through Thin Ice

A GLOOM CAST OVER BRUSSELS

The Bodies Recovered From the River

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—Upward of 40 school children were drowned yesterday afternoon in an ice accident at Frellingham, near the French frontier.

The school children of the district had been given a holiday, with permission to play on the frozen river Lys.

When the merriment was at full height, the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned.

Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing.

The catastrophe spread consternation through the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

CRISP GOSSIP.

"Chris and the Wonderful Lamp," Klaw & Erlanger and B. D. Stevens' new extravaganza, has scored a prodigious hit at the Boston Museum, where overflowing houses have greeted its mirth, wit, magnificent stage settings and John Philip Sousa's bright, graceful and tuneful music with delightful appreciation. The modern stage has not witnessed an equal prodigality of production, not a more powerful appeal to taste for the beautiful. Jerome Sykes, the greatest of American comic opera comedians, has a most congenial role as the Twentieth Century Genie. His grotesque and inimitable drollery makes the fun come fast and furious in every scene.

There will be a special holiday matinee of Sag Harbor at the Park Theatre, Boston, on Christmas day, and on Christmas night the seventy-fifth consecutive performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston will occur. The Twentieth Century performance to be given on the night of January 1 1900, will be a unique affair. The management intend to present to the patrons of the play in this evening a handsome memento symbolizing the exit of the old and the entrance of the new centuries. The one-hundredth performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston occurs on the night of January 15, 1900, and a magnificent souvenir will be given on this occasion. It is to be an exact reproduction in silver of the famous America cup which British yachtsmen have tried for over forty years to wrest from the amateur sailors of the United States. This will be a very beautiful as well as patriotic emblem. This souvenir will be, it is said, the most expensive ever given on a similar occasion in this country.

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AT ALL DRUGGISTS

MANY LIVES LOST

Rock at Salerno Descends Into Gulf

BRINGS DOWN HOTEL AND MONASTERY

With Several Summer Villas to Destruction

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 23.—A terrible disaster took place yesterday afternoon at Amalfi, a popular tourist resort on the gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappucini Hotel, slid bodily into the sea, with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capuchin monastery below, the Hotel Santa Caterina and several villas.

Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived on the scene and begun rescue work.

It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact number.

Amalfi is a town of 7000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains and picturesque rocks. The Capuchin monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Pietro Capuano for the Cistercians, but came into the possession of the Capuchins in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the great rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 230 feet, contained fine cloisters and a charming veranda, and offered magnificent points of view.

In the 12th century the sea began gradually to undermine the lower portion of the town and a terrible flood in 1343 proved still more disastrous.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Lawrence Sun: The latest and laughable theory concerning the Sunday closing edict is that Mayor Eaton intends to run next fall as the law and order candidate, and expects to gain enough popularity by the latest move to overcome the adverse majority of two weeks since.

Portland Express: England is just beginning to realize the size of the contract which she has undertaken.

Springfield Union: If Aguinaldo could only have consulted with Sitting Bull, Geronimo and the Apache Kid he might have obtained some very excellent suggestions on the art of dodging United States troops. But they would all inform him that while they succeeded for a time the ending was always the same.

Norwich Record: Grand opera has opened in New York. The twentieth century and the Schley-Sampson controversies may now be shelved temporarily.

Hartford Times: "Mr. Dooley's" summary of President McKinley's policy toward "the colonies" fits it "like the paper on the wall." Here it is: "As f'r our newly acquired possessions tis our intintion to give them a form iv government suited to their needs, which is small, an', in short, to do as we blamed please with them, makin' up our minds as we go along."

Fall River Globe: Wall street has been copying the practice of the department stores in having a bargain counter this week to attract custom.

New Bedford Standard: Of the increase of wages in the southern cotton mills it is observed that "it is another clear case of the north and the south shaking hands over the old chasm." Where the handshaking comes in it is difficult to see. In both sections the advance has been a matter of necessity rather than of good will.

Brockton Times: Isn't Germany somewhat premature in raising her flag in Samoa before the treaty for the partition of the Islands has been ratified by this country?

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MR. J. L. WHITNEY

Appointed as Librarian of Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The trustees of the public library yesterday afternoon elected Mr. Jas. L. Whitney librarian of that institution, a position which he has practically filled since the resignation of Mr. Putnam last April when the latter accepted the position of librarian in the congressional library at Washington.

This ends a matter over which there have been all kinds of speculation during the past eight months and sets at rest many fears that were entertained by the employes of the library—that an outsider would be called in.

Rumors have been current for some time that a librarian would be selected at yesterday's meeting as it has been known that many of those who might be considered competent to take charge of the greatest library in America have been under consideration by the board of trustees for months.

A bibliography of Mr. Whitney's library publications embraces the following works: "The Ticknor Catalogue of Spanish Literature together with the collection of Spanish and Portuguese Literature in the General Library," mentioned above; a catalogue of town libraries; a Catalogue of the bibliographies of special subjects in the Boston Public Library, with an index to notes upon books and reading to be found in library catalogues. "A Modern Proteus; or a list of Books Published under more than one title;" a catalogue of the library of J. Montgomery Sears, including the poetical library of Ferdinand Freiligrath; and "Considerations as to a printed catalogue in book form for the Boston public library," read at the meeting of the American Library association at Atlanta, and to be published in the annual report of the library for 1898-99.

Mr. Whitney's associations outside the library are few. He is a member of the Bostonian society, which he has long served as chairman of its book committee and a member of the American Library association, of which he has been some time treasurer and chairman of the committee on finance. He was one of the delegates of the association at the international convention of the American and British associations in London in 1897.

For about 20 years, after coming to Boston, his home was in Concord, in the affairs of which, as all good Concordians do, he became much interested. He was for eight years (1879-1887) chairman of the school board, and at the same time served as secretary of the library committee of the excellent Concord free library. For the centennial celebration of the Concord Fight, he prepared a useful monograph comprising a bibliography of the literature of the 19th of April, 1775-1875. From Concord he moved to Cambridge, and there he has since resided with his sister in a quiet, serene home—for he is a bachelor.

The above is the record of a full, busy and useful life, not pushing or self-seeking but not the less quietly progressive. There are not a few excellent citizens of Boston who would be glad to see this sort of unobtrusive ability recognized by a deserved call to the head of the institution so faithfully served.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and is made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
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NEW FIRE COMP'Y

Will be Organized at Dracut

BY YOUNG MEN OF THE TOWN

New Mill May be Erected at Collinsville

BY AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY

Other Interesting Items of the Suburb

The Navy Yard for the first time in 15 years is without a fire company, but it will not be so very long, for a number of hustling young men of the village are going to get together and organize a company that will be a credit to the members and the village. The organization will be named the Bachman Hose company, the same as the one that has just passed out of existence.

The original Bachman Hose company was formed about 15 years ago and it was a worthy organization, too. A sufficient amount of money was raised by popular subscription and a hose carriage was purchased. This company did notable service at the fires that visited the village, but about three years ago there was a little trouble in the mill, which resulted in a strike. The strikers were victorious, but their victory was short-lived, for within four months the mill officials got back at the operatives in great style. All those who were believed to have taken a hand in advocating the strike were thrown out of employment and blacklisted. The mill officials went further than this. They intended to have everyone who took a hand in the strike wiped out of the village. A majority of the members of the hose company were among the strikers and for spite, the mill people, who, by the way, own the shed that houses the hose carriage, and also, it is said, have a mortgage on the carriage, disbanded the company and formed a new one, which from the very start, proved a most farcical organization, and the members seldom attended a fire in a body. They have been severely criticised time and again, but it was not until The Sun got after them that they threw up the sponge. They disbanded a couple of months ago and a better thing never happened.

Now it is up to the young men of the village to organize a company to succeed the worthless one that has just passed out of existence. Why doesn't someone call a meeting and then perfect an organization? The village should not be without a fire company. The apparatus is all right and why not have men to use it?

Frank Dudley of the Navy Yard, who has been working in Ashland and Penacook, N. H., has accepted a position in the Middlesex mills at Lowell.

James Mooney of Collinsville is rapidly recovering from a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia. He is now out of danger, although a week ago little hope was entertained for his recovery.

Patrick Banks of the Navy Yard, who has been confined to his home for several days with a severe cold, is able to be up and around again.

Mr. John Crowley, boss gigger in the Baltic mills of Enfield, N. H., who has been visiting in town, has returned to Enfield.

An exciting basket ball game was played at Scully's hall Wednesday night between the two basket ball teams recently formed at Collinsville, and known as the Shamrocks and Gladstones. An exciting game was played and the Gladstones were victorious by a score of 4 to 2. The teams lined up as follows:

Gladstones	Shamrocks
P. Meade, r. g.	r. g., Nolan
J. Laffey, f	f, J. Meade
J. Burke, c	c, J. Marley
J. Rogers, f	f, J. McDonald
F. Kiernan, lf	lg, M. Meade

Timekeeper, John Carrick; referee, Thomas Scully.

The basket ball teams will hold a dance and basket ball game New Year's night at Scully's hall, and the affair is expected to be a success. A good game will be played, and dancing will follow.

A new machine shop has been erected at the American Woolen company's mill in Collinsville, and it is rumored that it is the intention of the company to erect another mill at Collinsville, instead of at Concord Junction, where they originally intended to erect one. The rumor has not been confirmed, however, and it may not be true, yet it is said a number of men looked over some of the company's property early in the week and made measurements. What the object of this was is question.

The large barn formerly used by Michael Collins when he was in control in the village, is being repaired.

The post office at Collinsville has changed hands again. John J. Kiernan has gone into his new store and has been succeeded in the old one by Charles E. McCarty, formerly paymaster at the mill, and one of the best known citizens of Dracut. Mr. McCarty will be acting postmaster, the real postmaster being Michael Collins. Mr. McCarty will also conduct a grocery business and he will undoubtedly meet with great success in this line.

It is rumored that the boss weaver, Fred Teel, and the boss carder, Mr. Leonard, will soon sever their connection with the Collinsville mill.

The new house being erected on Lakeview avenue in Collinsville for the boss spinner, is rapidly nearing completion, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of January.

About sixteen Armenians are now working in the mill at Collinsville. They came from the Washington mills of Lawrence which is also controlled by the American Woolen company, and are all employed in the card room. Strange to say, they don't live at Collinsville, but have taken houses at the Navy Yard, doing the "tramp the road" act to and from Collinsville morning and night. More of these foreigners are expected.

Mr. Felix Englesby of School street the Navy Yard, met with a severe accident while at work in the dye house at the Faulkner mills in Lowell last Monday. He got his right hand caught in a gear in some unexplained way and one of the fingers was badly torn, and as a result he will not be able to resume his work for a number of days.

George Harrelon of the Navy Yard will spend Christmas at his home in Newton. He has been stopping at the home of his uncle, Joseph Ferris, for several months, being employed in the Lawrence hosiery. He will return to the town after Christmas.

Christmas will be observed at the Centre church Sunday morning. A choice program has been prepared by the superintendent, Mr. Calvin Richardson, and the musical director, Mr. Warren Hamblett. Two compositions of Mr. Wm. H. Hallowell will be sung by the choir with violin and organ accompaniment. An address by the pastor, Rev. F. L. Kelley, and several readings and an exercise, "The Light of the Ages," will be given by the young ladies of the Sunday school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Ladies' Aid Society met in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon, to make final arrangements for their annual fair, which will be held the second week in January. Mr. Calvin Richardson has general charge and chairman of decorations. Mrs. Walter Harvey is chairman of the executive committee, Mrs. George Fox, chairman of the cake table; Miss Annie Richardson of the Indian table; Mrs. Nate Coon, handkerchief table; Mrs. John Peabody, apron table; Mrs. Hallowell, doll table; Mrs. Bernice Parker, ice cream. Each committee has an able corps of assistants.

The sick about own are improving and every one is rejoicing over our lovely weather and pray for a continuance of the same.

John Burke has been made captain of the Gladstone basket ball team of Collinsville and Michael McNamara will act as manager. Martin Meade has been appointed captain of the Shamrocks, the other basket ball team.

Charles Herman of Collinsville, who has been ill for several weeks, has fully recovered and is now able to be about again.

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To Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O. M. I., Lowell, Mass.:

Dear Rev. Father: I beg to make grateful acknowledgment of your check which has been placed to my son's credit. The enclosed sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, kindly apply to the fund for which the bazaar was held, and if you should ever have occasion for another bazaar, please command me. Hoping you will have a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Truly yours,
M. J. HERTEL.

The second and third prizes, $200 and $150 respectively were won by local parties.

MACK VS WHITETT

THE FUN BEGINS IN THE COMMONS DEPARTMENT.

The following communication will be better understood if it is remembered that Mr. Mack is a candidate for Mr. Whittet's position:

Editor of The Sun:

Dear Sir: I understand that it is being denied that Superintendent Whittet of the commons department took the keys from me which I had carried since I was appointed assistant. Now, Mr. Editor, for the benefit of all who are interested, I want to say that he demanded the keys on Thursday morning, December 11. I gave him all the keys I had, belonging to the department. When I gave him the keys I asked him if that meant that I was discharged. He said it did not. I have not been allowed to use a team nor have I been allowed to give the men any orders since that date.

ALEXANDER MACK.

DR. THOMPSON

WRITES OF THE PHILIPPINE AND THE BOER WAR.

Dr. Thompson of Moxie fame is an inveterate foe of wars of conquest and is equally opposed to our war in the Philippines and England's war in South Africa. As the subjoined letter will show, he is a great admirer of Senator Hoar:

Editor Lowell Sun: Senator Hoar reiterates the doctrines of God and His humanity once again to the hypocritical gang who still plead the introduction of Christian civilization by force as an excuse for robbery of the helpless. Not only did Christ denounce this, but the divine law of heaven settled it as hypocrisy ages ago. From the first, liberty and a fair opportunity for every one was thundered from the great throne to all the worlds. As the worlds and all their mission were within the domain of natural law, so was the living intelligence of the human intellect held as answerable to the moral law. Was man created a machine like the inert matter placed beneath him for his support? No. Every atom that lives tells us no. Has he been physically restrained from doing evil? Has he been compelled to do right? Neither. Why? He was endowed with progressive instincts which called for unfettered power of development. His nature, instincts, intelligence and natural education taught him good and evil. The progress of the billions that have preceded him has told him of God's unfettering law of moral agency that carries liberty to all the worlds that live. Of that excellence of moral development, peace, humanity, prosperity, love, kindness, always within his reach, either above or in community, so excellent and conducive to justice and humanity. "All men were created free and equal, were endowed by their Creator with certain inherent and inalienable rights; that among these are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," was written before the ages had began to toll. "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," was as authoritative as a means as is the divine law. Liberty is a divine element, born ere the worlds began. It gives the helpless to slaughter for political advantages—never. It destroys the protectors of homes and firesides—never. It robs the industrious of their hard earnings that the pirate may live in luxury and ease without toil—never. Pray, tell me of this insatiable one who constructively accuses God of treason when his laws would protect the poor and defenceless? It is a remarkable element to be born in the nineteenth century. Must there be another conflict in defence of natural rights? Mr. Hoar seems to be dealing with the air. What is this new kind of treason that compels us to defend God—the old flag of liberty and the honor of the republic.

Africa, but just done with the means of anguished mothers whose sons made slavery profitable, now clenches her hand again in defence of her natural rights, because she is again assailed by this higher civilization that says it is better that the pilgrim who gives thanks to God humbly before he sleeps and for the coarse food in difference to liberty from a barren and desert home. Christ drove the usurers from the temple. May not a godly, just people defend themselves?

Respectfully,
A. THOMPSON.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUBBARDSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—The town authorities are all at sea in their attempts to fathom the mysterious murder of Asa Bennett, one of the most prominent citizens of this place, early last evening. Although the police have been investigating the case thoroughly up to noon today no clue whatever had been found. Considerable effort has been made to locate some suspicious looking tramps, who were seen in the vicinity during the past few days, but none have been found as yet. The murderer crushed Mr. Bennett's skull and afterwards attempted to burn the house. The victim was 80 years of age.

RUN ON THE BANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 22.—There was a heavy run on the Portland Savings bank today and thousands of dollars were withdrawn.

THE OLD COUNTRY

Large Amount of Money Sent Abroad

MOST OF WHICH GOES TO IRELAND

Money Sent to Philippines and Cuba

It would seem that the times of prosperity are coming again to see the large amounts of money and presents that are being sent to foreign countries. At the post office, banks and draft agencies throughout the city there has been a large demand for money orders, drafts and checks to be sent to foreign countries. The majority of the money goes to Ireland and England, but other parts of Europe and even Asia and Africa get considerable money.

The geenral Christmas rush to forward money to the old country starts about the first of December and continues right up to Christmas Day, although the bulk of the money was sent last week so that it would reach its destination by Christmas time.

The majority of the foreigners who have moved to this city from their native land, send home money to their folks around Christmas time.

At the post office, one of the money order clerks stated that they have issued a very large number of money orders, a great deal more than last year at this time. Last week three hundred foreign registered letters were sent out, showing an increase of two hundred and fifty letters over an ordinary week. The majority of these international money orders go to Ireland and England, but quite a number go to Sweden, France, Austria, China and Turkey. Registered letters and money orders have been sent to the Philippine islands and Cuba during this month. The amount of money sent out from the local post office to foreign countries during last week was in excess of three thousand dollars, and domestic money orders amounted to over twenty-five hundred dollars.

A large amount of boxes and packages have also been sent through the local post office bound for the old country and other foreign parts.

Mr. Dennis Murphy, the well known ticket agent, says that his draft business this year was a great deal larger than that of last year at this time. The majority of his checks have gone to Ireland but a good many also have been forwarded to Austria, Russia and to Sweden.

The Traders' National bank has issued a much larger number of foreign drafts this year than they did last year. They have money order correspondents in London, Berlin and Stockholm to whom they have forwarded a very large number of money orders and checks. This bank has issued a number of money orders for Greece, Armenia and Turkey, which goes to show that the representatives of these nations in our city send a present home to the old folks.

At the American Express Co., the amount sent across the water this Christmas has been three times that of previous years. The form of order they send is called a foreign remittance check. The majority of their checks were for Ireland, England, Sweden and France.

Mr. J. F. O'Donnell of Market street also reports that the business this month in the issuance of foreign drafts and checks has been far in excess of last year at this time. The majority of his orders have been to Ireland although a good many of them have been sent to England, Scotland and Wales.

BASKET BALL.

The best basket ball game seen here this season will undoubtedly be played Monday night when the Burkes and the P. A. C. come together at Associate hall. This will be the second meeting of these teams this season, the Burkes winning the first game by a close score. Monday night's game will also be a close one.

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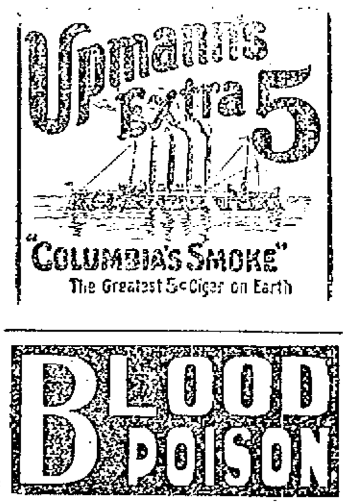

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ABSENT MINDED

Casey Forgot to Eat and Sleep

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Read the story of Casey, the absent-minded man. Thomas Casey, aged thirty-nine years, married, No. 548 First avenue, the records describe him. For four months now he has been trying to get rid of absent-mindedness, but to no avail. He can't stick to one thing for five minutes.

It was in August last that the authorities first heard of Casey. He walked into Manhattan hospital as calm as you please, but for the life of him he couldn't remember his name or where he lived. Next day it all came back to him and they started him home. Then he forgot to go home and turned up again at the hospital, smiling and apparently perfectly well. But next day he was in a delirium and it took a month to cure him.

Then he was sent home again, but the absent-mindedness was as bad as ever. He is a paver by trade, and when he went to work he was apt to forget to pound the paving blocks till the foreman went after him. Then he used to remember and begin to pound again.

His forgetfulness grew worse. He would start out in the morning, perfectly well physically, and meaning to go right to his work, yet forget all about it. He was just as apt to end up on a doorstep absorbed in a newspaper, all thoughts of work having vanished. When he sat down to his meals he forgot all about them and often began undressing under the impression it was bedtime. If he took a bath he started to drink the water, forgetting all about his bath.

At last his forgetfulness completely took possession of him. He forgot to eat, to sleep, to drink, to speak. He was sent to the Presbyterian hospital Dec. 8th and yesterday he was transferred to the insane pavilion at Bellevue.

Unless friends go to his aid he will be sent to Ward's Island in a few days to see if he can't be cured of his absent-mindedness.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 23.—William O'Brien, the burglar who was shot and captured by Patrolman Stephen Ryan of Station 3 on the east side on the night of December 11, was tried before Judge Sweetland in the district court on a charge of breaking and entering in the night time the residence of Rev. Thomas M. Clark and stealing from Miss Mary Sturtevant, slippers, gloves and a few small articles. O'Brien was not attended by counsel but heard the evidence of a few witnesses. He did not cross-examine either witness. He was adjudged probably guilty and bound over to the grand jury without bail.

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FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 4400 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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A TEN DOLLAR INVESTMENT RETURNS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PROFIT—This is better than a dozen Klondikes—at least this is the honest opinion of 617 investors who placed from $10 to $20 in Montana and Utah mining shares with the older reliable mining brokerage firm of W. H. Nichols, No. 1 West Broadway, Butte, Mon. Average profit of the 617 investors in ten months was $85.10, and many of the lucky ones made $560 off $20. Mr. Nichols is now floating two more new mining companies; he is a very shrewd and careful mining operator—he is a good one to follow.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 50 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Hehir, Attorney.

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George Francisco, 291 Dutton street, is going to close out all his stock of confectionery and fruit, bannanas, oranges, nuts and all of his stock at cost prices, as he intends to move Dec. 27. Be sure and call for bargains.

FINED $10.

Jacob R. Smith was arraigned before Judge Hadley in police court Friday afternoon charged with driving a lame horse. He was fined $10. Mr. Smith had been warned by Agent Richardson that his horse was not fit for service, but he paid no attention to the warning.

LUCKY JOHN.

Mr. John P. Breen, the well known section hand in the ingrain weave room of the Lowell Manufacturing co., was agreeably surprised at the closing hour last evening. Mr. John McMahon, in behalf of the weavers on Mr. Breen's section, presented him a gold watch and chain. The recipient responded in a neat speech, in which he thanked all his weavers for the gift they had presented to him.

ERIE DECLARES DIVIDEND.

Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company have declared quarterly dividend No. 65 of 1 1-4 per cent; Wisconsin Telephone company dividend No. 70 of 1 3-4 per cent., and the Michigan Telephone company dividend No. 62 of 1 1-4 per cent.

The directors of the Erie Telephone system have fixed permanent dates for future payments of quarterly dividends, namely: The second Monday of January, April, July and October, to business on the last day of December, March, June and September.

The stockholders closing on the last mentioned days and opening on the day the dividend is paid.

LOWELL MEN IN TROUBLE.

The Nashua Telegraph remarks:

Whether those young fellows who late Thursday night drove away from in front of a Canal street saloon with a team belonging to two business men of Lowell, will be arrested under the charge of horse theft, simple larceny or for being simple, everyday drunks City Marshal Eaton is not saying. He is, however, hoping to gather them within the fold before long. Thursday evening, as is claimed to have been the case on former occasions this year, a party from Lowell, unable to await the coming of May and license, drove to this city with a small, spirited horse, a common, covered milk wagon and thirsty throats to make some purchases. Among their purchasers, all of which will probably be reckoned up in the expense account as refreshments, were two jugs brimful of whiskey and numerous bottles of beer. After securing the whiskey and the beer the stuff was placed in the wagon and the owners remained in the saloon to sample the remaining stock that they had not purchased. They had a jolly time and doubtless did not notice how quickly the time was passing. When they finally decided to return home, they went to the door but were startled to find that their team was missing. The police were notified and a search instituted for the property.

After several hours of weary waiting word was received that the team had been located somewhere near Robinson's Grove. The wagon was all right and the horse was all right, but that which the owners had hopefully expected to take back to the Spindle City with them was gone. There was no whiskey and there was no beer. The robe was found at a considerable distance from the wagon.

The young men whom it is suspected drove off the team could not be found and they have not been seen since. It is said that there were enough refreshments to entertain a very jolly company for a long time.

After being recovered the horse and wagon were taken to Lewis' stable on Railroad Square where they were cared for until a seasonable hour today when the owners returned to their down the river home sadder yet wiser men. Now by this loss, Christmas will not be as jolly as it might have been in Lowell this year.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET

SOME DEPARTMENTS LEFT IN HANDS OF DEPARTMENT CHIEFS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—Following the resignation of the Austrian cabinet, headed by Count Manfred Clary, in consequence of the blockade of parliamentary business resulting from the persistent Czech obstruction Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed Dr. H. Von Wittek, who was minister of railways under Count Clary, to be president of the council. The portfolio of national defence is entrusted to Count Welsersheimb, who was charged with the same duties in the Clary cabinet and that of commerce to Dr. F. Stibral, who thus continues at his former post.

Dr Von Chledowski is designated a minister without a portfolio. The other departments are left in the hands of the various department chiefs.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

CORRECT REPORT

Strong Temperance Law Advocates Make Reply

TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

On Matter of Temperance Educational Legislation.

Stronger temperance educational laws are being sought by a combination of church and temperance societies as has been reported from time to time in The Sun. Recently the committee on educational progress of the State Teachers' Association investigated the matter and submitted a report which didn't quite suit the stronger law advocates. As a result the following reply has been issued:

The report of the Committee on Educational Progress to the State Teachers' Association on Dec. 1, 1899, as published in the papers contains statements that call for correction.

This report says that the hearing given by the legislative committee on education in the Massachusetts legislature last winter to ungranted petitions for a stronger temperance education law.

"It was clearly seen that not only educators but the leading temperance people of all professions were heartily opposed to the desired measure" that "the measure proposed was drastic in every particular with the exact requirements and heavy penalties," an attempt "to subvert and degrade the schools."

The report further says, "Those who had hitherto believed in the honesty of the petitioners were sadly shaken in their faith, when, after so signal a defeat, the petitioners sent out broadcast a printed report in which they claimed victory."

All this is utterly misleading. The movement referred to originated with the May, 1898 meeting of the Massachusetts State Association of Congregational churches, who instructed their temperance committees to petition the next legislature for a stronger temperance education law. Committees and representatives of sixteen different religious denominations, philanthropic societies and organizations united with the Central Committee in this petition. Efforts to belittle the sincerity and intelligence of these petitioners are useless. Their petition stated just what its signers wanted and asked for, viz: "strengthening amendments," including what the present temperance education law lacks, "needed specifications" and such "just and adequate penalties for non-enforcement," as would secure the temperance education which the law of fourteen years standing requires for every pupil in our public schools.

The further charge that "the measure proposed was drastic, exacting etc." could not seem much to one who wants the present law enforced. It asked for a definite place in the course of study. From the following extract from the petitioners' report it will be seen that all they ask for at the utmost was "180 graded text books lessons in the whole subject of physiology any hygiene including the temperance matter, to be distributed through six years at the rate of thirty lessons a year, with oral instruction for all pupils in the primary grades. The distinctive temperance teaching thus implied in the primary grades estimated on the average length of primary lessons, would not amount to over an hour and a half a year and not more than three hours a year in the grades above the primary. All the rest of the study is higiene and sanitation with physiology enough to make it intelligible. No one who wants the instruction given at all could claim that this is an extravagant amount on those vital topics. From 500 to 800 text book lessons in less important studies like geography are often given in the same period.

Such provisions could not reasonably be called "drastic" and would not "subvert or degrade the schools," but warn the scholars from habits that lead to degradation.

As to the proposed penalty of a fine upon school committees who refuse to comply with the requirements of the existing law, it has never been deemed a degradation to the school committee of Massachusetts that they are now subject to a penalty of $100 for failure to provide certain sanitary provisions required by law. Why would they be more degraded by a fine only one-fourth as large for refusing to comply with the law requiring them to provide for education in the laws of health including those which relate to the use of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics.

No fine was ever proposed or thought of for teachers. They are not to blame when the present temperance education law is not enforced. The responsibility rests with the school committees and school officers who do not order a place in the course of study for enough lessons to cover the topic, with examinations or tests for promotion, and do not furnish text books adapted to grades for this as for other studies. When they do this, the study instead of being a burden to an over-crowded curriculum and teacher, becomes a part of the regular school work cheerfully done, resulting in great good.

Precisely similar provisions have been in successful operation for years in other states.

The statement that "after so signal a defeat, the petitioners sent out broadcast a printed report in which they claimed a victory" failed to specify in what respect this was claimed. The defeat of the Myers bill was the victory claimed as is shown by the following passage from the report of the Massachusetts Central Committee. After reviewing the fruitless efforts to reach a basis of unity with the educational opponents, this report says:

"As the discussion at the hearing proceeded, the opponents freely admitted that it was their intent to present the Myers bill which provided for the practical repeal of the present statute even if we had made no effort to secure a stronger law. Thus the battle would have been inevitable, and our aggressive policy has proved to be the only safe defensive course we could have pursued to preserve our present law. Viewed from that standpoint, in the defeat of the Myers bill we have secured an important victory, although we must wait a little longer for that much-needed stronger law.

It was therefore the defeat of the Myers bill only that was claimed as a victory, and to impugn the "honesty of the petitioners" in their distinct statement of their meaning in this matter is hardly just.

We cannot believe that the high-minded, truth-loving teachers of our state would have accepted this report of their committee on educational progress or allowed its publication with its reflections upon a large body of honorable citizens of this commonwealth if they had had before them or in mind the actual statements of the report of the Massachusetts Central Committee.

In behalf of the petitioners for the stronger law,

REV. CHAS. L. MORGAN, D. D.,
Chairman Mass. Central Committee and Chairman of Temperance Committee for Mass. State Association of Congregational Churches last year.
REV. ALBERT H. PLUMB, Chairman Executive committee.
MARY H. HUNT, Secretary.
KATHERINE LENTE STEVENSON, President Mass. Women's Christian Temperance Union.
MARY A. LIVERMORE, Honorary President Mass. Women's Christian Temperance Union.
ROBERT H. MAGWOOD, Supt. of Temperance Mass. Christian Endeavor Union.

SMOKE ORDINANCE

SPRINGFIELD CITIZENS WANT TO ABATE FACTORY SMOKE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 23.—Several prominent business men of this city are interesting themselves in the matter of gaining passage of a city ordinance which will abate the factory smoke nuisance in this city. Among them are ex-Aldermen Lewis F. Carr and D. B. Wesson. It has been decided that a petition shall be circulated and that it shall be presented to the new city government early in the next month. Wednesday night the petition had not been started but it will be very soon.

A well known manufacturer of the city said Wednesday night that he would sign the paper and more than that, he would almost immediately order a smoke consumer for his plant; he is only waiting to discover what sort of consumer is best adapted for his chimneys. It was said that the persons interested had found nearly a dozen cities in this part of the country which enforce smoke ordinances, compelling manufactures to use the consumers on their stacks. There are about a half dozen patterns of consumers on the market, no style is very expensive and all do their work well.

D. B. Wesson thoroughly believes that factories should not annoy the public and some time ago he purchased consumers for the Smith & Wesson pistol shops. His smoke consumers do away with nine-tenths of the smoke and are entirely satisfactory.

The matter has been discussed by the Springfield Improvement association and directors of the board of trade have taken a lively interest. It was thought best several years ago to let the matter lie over for the city council of 1900. The petition will probably be put in the shape of resolutions, which will say that it is for the best interests of the city that an ordinance be framed which will compel manufacturers to comply with a rigid smoke law.

CYCLE NOTES

Two items are necessary to prevent side slipping— a well inflated tire and even pedalling.

The proper way to clean the frame of the wheel is to wipe it with a soft sponge and dry it with a soft cloth.

The International Cycling association has awarded the world's championship races to France for 1900. The races will be held in Paris and between $13,000 and $10,000 will be offered in prizes.

A wheelman who continues to use his bicycle after a ball is broken is foolish. If the ball is not removed soon after breaking, it will cause a grinding noise, which is an indication that the cones and cups are being worn out.

A tight chain makes the work of driving the wheel difficult.

A tire that is well inflated is a tire which presents less surface at the point of contact with the ground, and as is readily understood has a much firmer grip on the road.

A three-mile race between a bicyclist and a gasoline motor carriage was run at the Kewanee, Ill., fair grounds recently. It was a half mile track and the motor vehicle lost at the turns.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

MERRIMACK VALLEY BAPTISTS HONOR REV. MR. SAYER.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Merrimack Valley Baptist Ministers' conference held in Lawrence Monday, the following resolution was passed and placed on the records:

"Whereas, Our brother and fellow pastor, Thomas S. Sayer, is about to remove out of this conference, therefore

"Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his Christian character as manifested in his connection with this body during the past five years. We gratefully testify to our brother's ability as a preacher and pastor and we would assure him of our sorrow at his departure from our midst and of earnest prayers for his future welfare.

HENRY W. O. MILLINGTON,
President.
W. KLIEN, Secretary.

LITERARY NOTES

"My New Curate," by the Rev. P. A. Sheehan of Doneraile, deserves attention from general readers because it reveals the priest's conception of himself. Besides, as it was written for priests and originally published in a magazine read by all American and by most English and Irish Catholic clergymen, the author takes complete understanding of the species for granted, and describes only the individual, thereby revealing the species far more plainly than would be possible in pages of careful distinction and division. Strictly speaking, the story has no heroine, but has two prominent female characters, the first of whom has a skeptical lover to whom the gift of faith comes in answer to the prayers of the second, a girl afflicted with a terrible skin disease of nervous origin, and self-disciplined to perfect submission to God's will. The villain is also absent, although certain persons who make the curate's life a burden when his schemes for his parishioners' well-being go wrong fill the place very well, but the clown is not missing. He is Jim Deady, who takes the temperance pledge regularly every three months; earns a handsome income by repairing the chapel roof in such a way that it needs his services whenever he needs a round or two; who, drunk or sober, sings like a nightingale; who commands the village Fenians, plays tricks on inconvenient bailiffs, and blarneys the whole parish, Father Letheby excepted, and adores him for refusing his flattery. Two characters are well represented namely, the real, refined and educated Irishman and the real, genuine Irishwoman. It is a book that every Irishman will read with pleasure, especially those who know the author, himself a talented Soggarth Aroon.

IRON MOULDERS

Held Their Third Party Las Night

The Iron Moulders' union held its third party last evening at Associate hall and it proved a complete success, both socially and financially. A large crowd was in attendance and dancing was enjoyed until midnight. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra.

The following was the committee in charge and to whose efforts the success of the affair was largely due:

General manager, James T. Murphy; assistant general manager, William F. Mulgrave; floor director, W. R. Wethehead; assistant floor director, James Everett; aids, William H. Geary, O. F. McArdle, P. J. Reslin, M. J. Mahoney, J. H. Ward and S. P. Tobin. Reception committee, George H. Keating, chairman; assisted by P. H. Ward, J. Connors, R. Keeley, J. Callahan, J. Foley, A. Burkett, George Tillier, P. Quinn.

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If it does, and you don't quite like it, all you have to do is to use Ayer's Hair Vigor. There is this peculiar thing about our Hair Vigor: it's a hair food, not a dye. It doesn't turn your hair suddenly black and make it look dead and lifeless. But gradually the old color comes back to your hair,—all the rich, dark color it used to have. And it stops falling of the hair.

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NEW APPLIANCES

Extract of Report Before Railroad Committee

The substitution of steam in place of coal stoves or furnaces for the heating of cars is a "consummation most devoutly to be wished." Some of the most serious accidents on record have resulted from the burning of cars in wrecks, the fire spreading from the coal stoves used for heating purposes. Heating passenger trains by steam from the locomotive is fast supplanting the old methods, and its great advantages can readily be understood. The Westinghouse brake is rapidly coming into general use. The increase in number of freight cars equipped with this brake was in the year ending June 30, 1898, 115,227. It may be properly stated here that practically all (9956) passenger locomotives are equipped with train brakes, and 5195 with automatic couplers. Of cars in passenger service, practically all are equipped with train brakes and automatic couplers. Something over 94 per cent. of the locomotives in railroad service are equipped with train brakes, and over 30 per cent. with automatic couplers. Of freight cars, 46 per cent. are equipped with train brakes, and something over 63 per cent with automatic couplers. The increase in the number of freight cars equipped with automatic couplers was for the year 227,576.

This progress in the direction of the general use of train brakes and automatic couplers is very gratifying and satisfactory. No freight cars are now built for general uses unless equipped with these appliances, and naturally the time will soon arrive when a car not so equipped will be the exception.

One of the most gratifying as well as desirable improvements in train equipment, and which may well be included under the head of "safety appliances," is the lighting of passenger cars by the "Pintsch" gas-lighting system. This is a German invention, and is fast becoming universal in its application. At the close of the year 1898 96,800 cars were equipped with this system. Of these 51,325 were in Germany, 17,860 in England, 5210 in France, 3711 in Austria, 6458 in India, 1050 in Australia and 13,495 in the United States. The remainder were distributed throughout the world in all countries where railroads are operated. Its introduction into this country is of comparatively recent date, and the excellent results derived from its uses afford sufficient argument for its general adoption. It has everything to recommend it, and especially as regards its safety. Its use has unquestionably been the means of averting most distressing loss of life in wrecks, where, had the old-time coal oil lamps been used, the cars would have been burned and life lost. The adoption of this system of lighting passenger trains cannot be too highly recommended. It is fully appreciated and approved by the public, who readily see its advantages and who unanimously speak favorably regarding it. Its general adoption will be a national benefit.

Rocking horses for boys and girls; tool chests full of tools for boys, are very instructive. W. T. Bartlett, 653-659 Merrimack street. The up-town hardware store.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton has been at Dunstable the past four weeks.

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ELEANORA DUSE

Victim of an Unhappy Love Affair

HER NOVELIST-LOVER IS TIRED OF HER

She Loses All Interest in Her Art

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 22—Eleanora Duse is grieving over a lost love. Her heart is broken. The greatest living genius of the stage is the central figure today in a more heartrending tragedy than any she has pictured across the footlights.

Like many other women before her, she cast the pearls of her affection, her great, her splendid intellect, her passionate nature at the feet of a selfish egotist and he has trampled them under foot. For Gabrielo D'Annunzio is not the man to let any woman hold him in thrall for any length of time.

There is no question about the genius of D'Annunzio. At 35 years of age he is the foremost novelist of Italy and and a poet of renown. His books are morbid to the last degree. He is the apostle of brutality. He loves to depict characters steeped in cruel and vice and heartlessness and he loudly boasts that he is his own model in his novels.

In his own life he is a votary of pleasure and he gloats over the fact that his senses rule him and that he is capable of enjoying them all.

Friends of Duse declare that no scandal is attached to their love. The woman has always been known for the austerity of her life. It was the intellectual gifts of the man which appealed so forcibly to her. For a time her thoughts and dreams were one. They made great plans together, plans that were to immortally cement their names together. And together they planned "The Tragedy of Death," which he wrote for Duse and faithless offered to Bernhardt when he grew weary of the Italian charmer.

Their scheme began on paper, ended in air. He had no more constancy than his own characters. Having bent this great woman of genius to his selfish wishes, having enriched himself at the fountain of her intellectuality, he suddenly realized that she was many years his senior and that he was weary of her—told her so, brutally ten days ago and broke from her. And she has come to Paris, the city in which she met him, some years and given herself up to despair in the house of her friends.

She thinks nothing of her work now. It would surprise no one to hear that Duse had cancelled all her theatrical engagements and taken the veil. One thing, possibly, holds her back from this denouement. She knows it would feed the vanity of the man she now loaths, and Duse is a woman of vast pride, a woman more likely to devise some scheme of revenging herself on the man who has cast her off than doing aught to give him further satisfaction.

THEIR DIVIDEND

OPERATIVES RECEIVE WELCOME CIRCULAR FROM MILL TREASURER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 23.—Treasurer George A. Chase of the Bourne mills issued yesterday his circular announcing the semi-annual dividend to the operatives. The amount is 3 1-3 per cent. of wages earned from June 12 to December 9, 1899, by operatives continuously employed by the corporation during that time. The circular refers to the prosperous year just passed with the resulting increase in wages, this latter making an addition of over $2,000,000 a year to the operatives of the city.

The operatives are offered opportunity to secure a direct financial interest in the new mill which has started. To pay for this mill notes bearing six per cent. interest have been issued, the issue being confined to stockholders. Of the issue $50,000 has been reserved to be held for the benefit of employes. The employe making the best record for the next six months will be allowed to take a $1000 note. Five notes of $500 each will be allotted by merit. Employes may take notes of $50 or $100 each at will to the full amount reserved. A saving fund is established to assist employes to save for investment in the bonds.

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Full line of Ladies' Neckwear in stocks and jabots.

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THREE FLOORS FULL USEFUL CHRISTMAS GOODS TO SELECT FROM.

Christmas Dept.
FIRST FLOOR

Ladies' Hose Supporters, Gents' Hose Supporters.

Hat Brushes, Whisk Brooms, Toilet Soap.

Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Linen Sets, Covers, etc.

Black and Colored Dress Goods, Black Silks.

Fancy Hosiery and Hosiery of all kinds for men, women and children.

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SECOND FLOOR—Our wrapper department deserves special mention. Here you will find everything in cotton woolen and flannelette. On this floor also a big line of Children's Dresses, Cotton Underwear, Outing Flannel Night Dresses, Infants' Goods, etc. Come to the Central street store Friday and Saturday.

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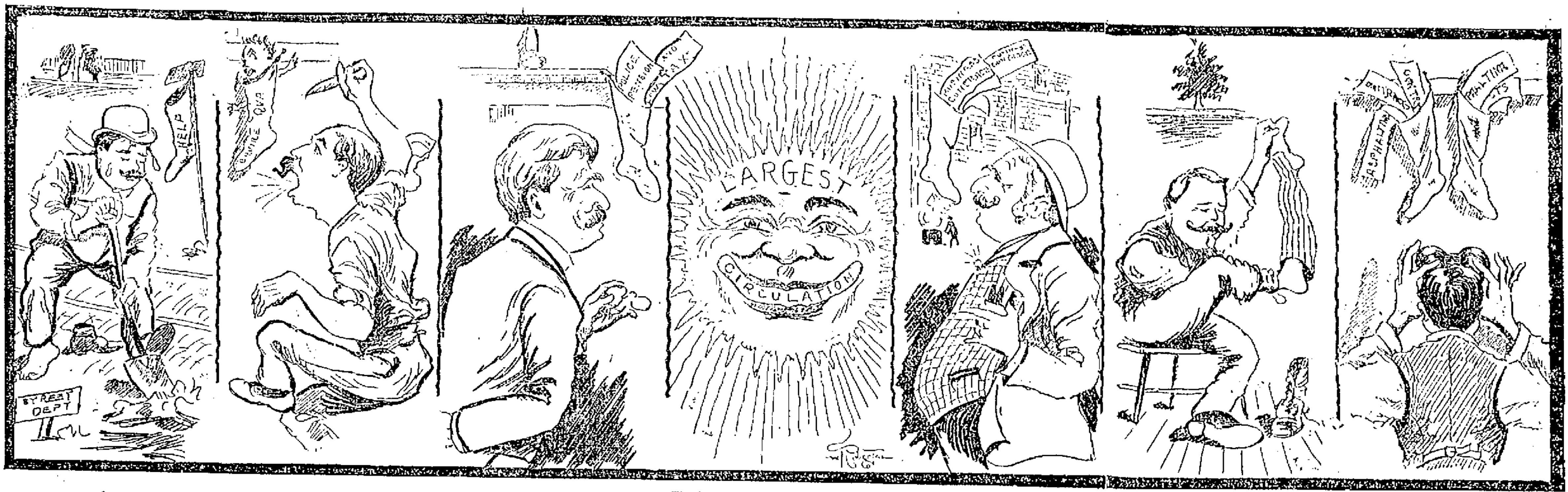
SOME CHRISTMAS WANTS.



Supt. Cheney Wants "Help." Brother Poore is Anxious for Qua's Portfolio. His Honor will be Pleased with Police Pensions and Low Taxes. The Sun will have the Same Old Present—The Largest Circulation in the City. Col. Bennett Wants a Lot of Business Contracts. Capt. Mitten Would Like to Find Gillow's Scalp in His Stocking. Bob Crowley is Looking Anxiously for More Asphaltum Contracts.

SUN LATEST
FIVE O'CLOCK.

ENGLAND'S ADIEU

To Lord Roberts on His Departure for South Africa

Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge and Five Field Marshals Meet Him at the Dock—Great Crowd and Wild Enthusiasm Among the People

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who is to assume command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo railroad station at noon today amid scenes of enthusiasm vividly demonstrating the national interest in the event and the belief that the departure of the general can be accepted as a guarantee that whatever can be done in South Africa will be carried out by thoroughly competent hands and on carefully matured lines. Although only privileged persons were permitted to enter the station, this did not prevent the gathering of immense throngs at all approaches and other points of vantage, who cheered repeatedly as "Bobs" accompanied by his wife and two daughters, drove up. Seldom has the terminous witnessed such an inspiring send-off. Every appearance of the field marshal was the signal for ringing hurrahs, lusty shouts and good wishes. The moment the veteran commander arrived he was surrounded by military officers and other friends and held a semi-private reception in the waiting room. After personal leave-takings, Lord Roberts reached the platform, where general greetings and parting words were exchanged. Many ladies pressed eagerly forward to get a last handshake, express deep sympathy with the distinguished soldier in his recent bereavement and bid him God speed. One woman with her eyes filled with tears, exclaimed: "God bless you and bring you safely back to us." This wish was echoed in varying phraseology by hundreds thronging the vicinity of the train.

As the general joined his wife and daughters at the door of the saloon carriage, he was speedily surrounded by distinguished statesmen and military men, including M. A. J. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart and Lieut. Col. Carrington, the queen's equerry. Lord Wolseley and others arrived late and it required all the efforts of the police to clear a passage for them.

Scarcely had the commander-in-chief joined Lord Roberts when a great cheer announced the approach of the Duke of Cambridge. The crush was so great that the duke, in spite of police protection was so hustled that more than once he gave verbal expression of resentment at the rough treatment he had to submit to, and the police redoubled their efforts, finally enabling the Duke of Cambridge to reach Lord Roberts, though in the confusion, the police thust aside many who were best entitled to remain, including Lord Wolseley, who, however, took the rough handling of the police good naturedly. The ladies present suffered much from the crowds, but their appeals were unavailing to stem the crush.

Renewed cheering greeted the Duke of Connaught's arrival. Then rousing cheers momentarily diverted attention from the hero of the hour, as the Prince of Wales appeared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial manner. The prince and the distinguished general engaged in earnest conversation and furnished a stirring centre to a notable group which included no less than five field marshals. Lord Roberts, who was in morning dress, looked fit for anything. In spite of his 76 years he was straight and soldierly and his rugged features reflected determination.

At the time when the train was due to start, the Prince of Wales again shook hands with Lord Roberts and spoke a few words to the general, of which the phases, "God bless you," "Good luck to you" were caught by those near by.

Mr. Balfour bid General Roberts a similar farewell.

Amidst the din and excitement no one heard the signals for departure, and consequently the train was moving while Lord Roberts was still on the platform with is back to the carriage door. The farewells were abruptly terminated and Lord Roberts was forced to make a somewhat undignified scramble for his seat. As the general disappeared in the saloon carriage a final, lusty cheer was started and continued until the train passed out of sight.

FOREIGN ATTACHES ARRIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The foreign attaches have arrived here on the way to General Buller's headquarters.

BRITISH CAMP.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHIEVELEY, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The British army is occupying the original camping grounds. The naval brigade this morning fired a few shells at the Boer positions. The result is not known, but the firing is taken to show that the naval guns are able to command the Tugela bridge.

Trunks and Bags, Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.

MOTHER ON LIPS

So Death Found a Chicago Society Girl

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Mabel Powell, a talented young society girl, drank poison and went to her death yesterday morning in a Clark street resort. In the midst of wild revelry, in which champage and dancing skirts were the features, the girl burst into sobs, gave a toast to "The Constancy of a Mother's Love," drained her glass, laughed hysterically and retired to an adjoining room. In 20 minutes she was dead.

The suicide was the daughter of Mrs. S. M. Powell of 4027 Drexel boulevard. Her father was a prominent lumber merchant, who died four years ago. He left a fortune. Mabel was carefully educated and carefully reared. She was 22 years old and a pronounced blonde.

After leaving school she studied art in the art institute and the drama in a prominent school. She lived with her mother and sister Ethel until one week ago. In South Side society she was a favorite.

At the Great North hotel 10 days ago she was introduced to Mrs. C.H. Wells, a fascinating widow of 21 from Cincinnati. Mrs. Wells revelled in diamonds and $100 bills. Miss Powell invited Mrs Wells to the Powell home.

The girl's mother instantly took a dislike to the woman. She ordered her daughter to stop associating with her. The girl refused and in a pique left home a week ago and went with Mrs. Wells to the Great Northern.

Every night since Mrs. Wells has had the girl out seeing life in the Red Light district. They met two prominent business men last evening and dined at the Auditorium annex. The men tried to induce Miss Powell to go home. She promised she would return today.

The men accompanied the women to their hotel and left them there. At 1 a.m. the women called a cab and went to the "Buffet," on the levee, afterward the resort where the tragedy occurred. They entered alone, ordered champagne and began dancing. There were no men present in the ball room.

Miss Powell sang, danced and was in the highest spirits. After drinking the toast to her mother she disappeared.

Ten minutes later she was found in a kneeling position in the next room. Her last breath had been given to prayer. A physician was called, but his efforts were useless. Mrs. Wells was taken into custody.

BAD ACCIDENT

COLORED MAN AND HIS DAUGHTER KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PALMYRA, Me., Dec. 23.—Peter Nichol, a well-to-do colored farmer, was returning home in a wagon when a train struck and demolished the vehicle at a railroad crossing, killing the old man, one of his daughters and two grandchildren. Another daughter was badly injured.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned desire to express their heartfelt thanks to their friends for the many acts of sympathy and tenderness shown us in the hour of our affliction in the death of our beloved son, William H. Finnegan. To all who helped us by their sympathy and to the press of the city we extend our heartfelt thanks.
JAMES W. FINNEGAN AND FAMILY.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

LIQUOR CASES

Three in Police Court This Morning

A MERRIMACK SQ. MAN FINED $100

Three Others Were Fined $50 Each

William B. Harrington appeared before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning to answer to a charge of illegal keeping of liquor. He pleaded guilty and the court imposed a fine of $100 which was paid. The liquor seized in what was formerly Thomas H. Boyle's barroom in Merrimack square was in Harrington's name. Eight bottles of ale were seized.

Three drunks were arraigned. One simple offender was discharged by the court and Richard McMahon was fined $5.

James H. Maltes pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness. He said he was 42 years old and that was the first time he had ever been arrested and he said it would be the last. He asked the court to be as lenient with him as possible. The court let him off with a fine of $1. This is the first fine of $1 imposed in the local police court since the first of May.

Thomas H. Doyle pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of a horse and team. They were the property of the defendant's brother and were valued at $50, and $10 respectively. The defendant sold the horse and team yesterday to a man for $10 and then got drunk. He fell into the hands of Officer John B. Crowley who "pinched" him. The court sentenced him to the house of correction for a term of six months.

Joseph S. Byrne, charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance, withdrew his former plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. There was no trial and the court imposed a fine of $50. Byrne paid.

Ullman and Jennie Litman pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal keeping of liquor and were fined $50 each.

The session was a comparatively short one.

This is the last chance to go to Gaynor & Co.'s, 35 Prescott street, if you want to make a Christmas present of a piece of furniture you can give nothing that will be more acceptable. Their prices are always the lowest.

RYAN'S CONDITION

Small Pox Patient Holding His Own

HOPE ENTERTAINED FOR HIS RECOVERY

Fewer Out-Door Relief Applications

John F. Ryan, the victim of smallpox, is holding his own against the disease at the pest house, having passed a fairly comfortable night. He has done so well for the past few days, particularly in regard to taking nourishment, that hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Some friends of the sick man, who is is said, believed that the board of health was not taking as good care of the patient as it might, made an attempt to engage a female nurse, but found it impossible to do so. Ryan is getting the best care that could be administered in such a case.

DEATHS

KEEFE—John Keefe, infant son of John and Catherine, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 7 Main street. The funeral took place this afternoon from the home of his parents at 2 o'clock. Interment was at the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

Coal that will burn is the kind sold by W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike Street. Promptly and carefully delivered.

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Children's Fancy Chairs and Rockers, Ladies' Fancy Chairs and Rockers, Ladies' Desks, Combination Book Cases and Desks, ...

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Or a "20th Century Range or Parlor Stove. The Ladies' Oak Frame Velour Upholstered Spring Seat Rocker we will place on sale at $1.58 Monday, is one of the attractions. The costly and artistic calendar we give to the purchaser of one dollar or more worth of goods is another. Come. We are better prepared than ever before to do you justice.

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Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.
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Within the next few days we will give away 1500 samples of
DOWS' COUGH CURER
for Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Influenza and Croup. But you must act quick, for Dows' is so well known, that every one will be anxious to get a sample.
A. W. Dows & Co.
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May your hearts ever keep young, and your lives full of joy, as the years come and go is the wish of
LOUIS ALEXANDER
IMPORTER & TAILOR
55 Central Street.
Paul O. Kable, Assistant.

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Come Today

and come as early as you can. Things here are going rapidly and stocks are getting small.

DRESSING GOWNS.
The Flannel Wraps and Eiderdown—both are good—an assortment as we write, but fast disappearing, $2.95, and at half-a-dozen prices up to $9.95.

MEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS.
Taffetas, paragon frames and steel rods, plain wood handles, as low as $1.13. Silver mounted, $2.19, finer ivory and horn, $3.95 and $4.95.

FINE NECKWEAR.
The best we have ever shown, finer than has been shown in town. Fastest selling here we've ever known. The whole stock, richest silks included, all at four prices. Choice, 25c, 45c, 63c, 97c.

WOMEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS.
A collection that has awakened admiration. Silks are good; handles are exquisite. Every new idea in natural wood, silver, pearl and ivory. These silk umbrellas from $1.47, $2.19, $2.73 up to $4.95.

Things are lively—but we have provided plenty of extra attendants and will try and serve you promptly.

PUTNAM & SON,
166 Central Street.

THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK

SIX GIRLS DEAD

Burned to Death at Rehearsal

FOR A CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Sisters Badly Burned Trying to Save Them

FLEECE CAUGHT FIRE FROM GAS GET

And Whole Circle of Little Ones Was Enveloped

By Associated Press to The Sun.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 23.—Six little girls were burned to death, four probably fatally burned and eight other persons badly injured during the rehearsal of Christmas exercises of one of the classes at St. Francis school yesterday. There were 13 little girls in the class and they represented different characters. Two of them appeared as lambs and wore white fleece on their garments. The fleece on one caught fire from an open gas jet and in almost an instant the whole ring of little ones were in flames. Sisters of the school ran to the rescue and were also badly burned. Six girls died almost instantly from burns and four of the survivors will die. The dead are:

Mary Wavering.
Alma Maddendorf.
Bertha Freund.
Jose Roszewok.
Miss Hickey.
Irene Freiburg.

The badly injured are:

Josephine Bohne, Wilhelmina Cottondorf, Lena Zeiger, Laura Munke, Miss Goebbing, Aleva Timpe, Jose Werner, Father Andrew Butzkneben, Sister Ludwigna, Sister Rodolphia, Sister Theodet, Sister Ephia.

TORRES' FORCE

AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Ortiz, State of Sonora, Mexico, says that General Torres' force of troops has retired to Potam to await the arrival of the Twentieth Infantry regiment and other reinforcements. The large force of Yaquis who resisted the advance of the government troops so strongly and successfully followed the retiring command all the way to Potam and picked off a number of men. The Yaquis have again withdrawn to the mountains and the only fighting that has taken place during the last few days is between marauding bands of Indians and scouting parties of government soldiers. The telegraph wires have again been cut and official dispatches which have reached Ortiz from the war department for General Torres have to be forwarded to Potam by mounted courier.

Nothing has yet been heard from the Twentieth Infantry, but military men who are acquainted with the make-up of the regiment and its fighting qualities scout the idea that it has been attacked and vanquished by the Yaquis. It is claimed that the regiment has hardly had time to reach General Torres' rendezvous, as the march from the mouth of the Yaquis river is long and difficult.

ENGLAND AWAKE

SHE WILL NOT BE CAUGHT NAPPING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—A special from Victoria, B. C., says:

Evidence of Great Britain's determination not to be caught napping at any of her outposts is afforded by the promulgation of an order that hereafter all merchant vessels wishing to enter Esquimault harbor must come to a dead stop at the entrance and signal their presence by means of a special series of whistles which have been communicated privately to the local pilots and the masters of such steam craft as may naturally be expected to visit the naval port. Much comment is excited locally by those orders taken in conjunction with the strict precautionary measures adopted at the dock and naval yards.

EMERALD ASSOCIATION

HELD A DANCE AND SOCIAL AT HIBERNIAN HALL.

A social and dance was given last night at Hibernian Hall under the auspices of the Emerald association. About 75 couples were on the floor and the affair was a success in every way. The officers who managed the dance were as follows:

General manager, Patrick Fitzgerald; assistant, Patrick Crimmins; floor director, John Fahey; assistant, James T. Enright; aids, James J. Kennedy, Patrick Wren, John Powers, James Judge, Daniel Corkley, Thomas Shea; reception committee, Michael Sullivan, chairman; Michael McMahon, John Fahey, John Powers, Hugh McGowan, James Gaffney, Patrick Crimmins, John Keefe, Patrick Fitzgerald, secretary.

PRINT WORKERS.

There will be a meeting of the Print Workers' Association tomorrow at the Burke Temperance Institute hall. Every employe of both the Hamilton and Merrimack Print Works are requested to attend, as there will be business of importance transacted.

1000 Dress Suit Cases from $2.00 to $20.00 at Devine's, 88 Merrimack St.

"Deride Not Any Man's Infirmities."

Tell him, rather, how to get rid of them. Most infirmities come from bad blood and are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every person who has scrofula, salt rheum, humors, catarrh, dyspepsia or rheumatism should at once begin taking this medicine that the infirmity may be promptly removed. Remember

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Never Disappoints

TERRY McGOVERN

Made Short Work of Harry Forbes

CHICAGO LAD LASTED ONE ROUND AND A HALF

Bet Made That Terry Will Beat Dixon

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Terry McGovern, the "Brooklyn Terror," quickly defeated Harry Forbes of Chicago at the New Broadway A. C. last night. The lads met for a 25-round go at 125 pounds but the battle lasted only three seconds over a round and a half.

McGovern sharply outclassed his opponent, and smothered him at every turn. Both boys were in first-class shape and the Chicago boy had not a word of complaint to make after the battle.

Tonight Al. Smith bet $150 against $60 that Terry would whip Dixon. The short end of the bet was taken by a well known clubman.

McGovern opened on the aggressive, with Forbes backing. The Chicago boy made two circuits of the ring before a blow was struck. Forbes landed first, sending his left to the face. Terry sent back both hands to the body. Forbes led a left to the face again but went to a clinch, and as they broke, Terry sent a left over to the jaw. Forbes kept backing away for two more circuits of the ring. McGovern sent his right to the body, forcing Forbes into a corner, where he drove both hands to the wind and caught Forbes on the jaw with his right.

After a little fiddling in the second round Forbes landed a clean left on the face without a return. Then Terry jumped in with a right swing on the jaw which sent Forbes to the floor. He got up as the referee counted ten. They had rushed to a clinch, Terry pounding hard with both hands on body and head, but he could not beat Forbes off, the referee having to separate them. Forbes then rushed Terry to the ropes, where both indulged in terrific in-fighting. Forbes was not nearly as strong as McGovern and soon showed that he had enough of this close work. He backed away but Terry went after him viciously and caught him with both hands on the head. Then, with a terrific right-hand upper cut, which landed flush on the chin, he dropped Forbes to the floor.

The westerner's seconds, seeing it was all over, threw a towel into the ring. There was no necessity for this, as Forbes was completely knocked out without the shadow of a chance to recuperate. Time of round, 1 minute, 23 seconds.

The preliminary 20-round bout was between Tommy Halton and Jack Smith, both of New York. This was a hot argument. Halton was the taller by five inches, but Smith made up for his deficient stature with two good hands and he vigorously walloped Halton. Referee Johnny White awarded the bout to Smith.

FINNEGAN WHIPS M'CORMICK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The fight between Jack Flanegan of Pittsburg and Jack McCormick of Philadelphia before the Genesee Athletic association was stopped by the sheriff in the 15th round, and McCormick was saved from a knockout. Referee Hurst gave the decision to Finnegan. There were about 1500 persons present.

McCormick was knocked down in the 15th round and twice in the 18th. The decision was satisfactory.

GANS MEETS McPARTLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Joe Gans of Baltimore and "Kid" MacPartland of New York fought a six-round draw at the Fort Dearborn Athletic club last night. Both men were fast but very little damage was done, as they appeared afraid to take chances.

Henry Lyons, the local feather-weight, disposed of Jack Hanlon, a lightweight of New York in five rounds.

ON SUSPICION

WILLIAM BENNETT ARRESTED AT WORCESTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Dec. 23.—William Bennett was arrested here last night on suspicion of having murdered Asa Bennett, the octogenarian farmer in Hubbardston Thursday night. Bennett was arrested in a Front street barroom by Detectives O'Day and Stone. He had come from Boston on an early evening train and was with a companion, Geo. Glazier, who had also been on the Boston trip. Glazier was allowed to go after an examination at police headquarters.

The arrest was made about 3 o'clock and the men were secretly examined in the office of the chief before it was decided to lock up Bennett. The officers had no doubt of Glazier's innocence and allowed him to depart. Bennett is held as a suspicious person, but the police feel that they have made an important capture, although they hesitate to accuse him of the murder.

The arrest was made as a result of a hard day's work by the officers. Early this morning they learned that two men had come to this city in a team from Hubbardston. State Detective P. F. Murray, who was in Hubbardston, was telephoned the information, and he asked for the arrest of the men.

TEN KILLED

IN THE DISASTER AT AMALFI YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 23.—It now appears that the disaster at Amalfi, on the Gulf of Salerno, yesterday afternoon, caused by the rock on which stood the Capuccini hotel, sliding bodily into the sea, was not so extensive as at first supposed. Only ten persons were killed.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of December 5th, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original widows, etc.—Lucy J. Howard, West Medway, $8.

Original widows, special accrued 11—Miriam C. Haskell, Newburyport, $8.

SAVED BY INDIANS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Settlers living around Lala Lake in Chilcoot, B. C., have been attacked by Indians, who object to white settlers. Two weeks ago they surrounded Rancher Franklin and his neighbors and threatened to murder them if they did not leave the country. In a fight which followed several settlers were wounded. Becoming alarmed eight families started for Alexis Creek, but when three miles from home they were surrounded and captured and feared they would be shot. They were saved through the intervention of friendly Indians.

THE ORDINATIONS

At St. John's Seminary Brighton Yesterday

TWENTY FIVE YOUNG MEN CONSECRATED

To Lives of Sacrifice and Religious Labor

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The annual Christmastide ordinations took place yesterday morning at the cathedral of the Holy Cross, when 25 young levites from St. John's seminary, Brighton, were elevated to the priesthood.

The services began at 8 a. m. and were witnessed by one of the largest gatherings ever seen in the edifice. Within the sanctuary rail were seated many priests from parishes in Boston and its vicinity, beside a goodly number from the seminary.

The procession entered the church a few minutes after 8. It was headed by two cross bearers, who preceded the seminarians in minor orders. The candidates for ordination were next in line, then came the officiating clergymen, and last of all Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas D. Beaven of Springfield, who officiated in place of His Grace Archbishop Williams, who was somewhat indisposed.

The newly ordained priests are: Revs. Messrs. Eugene A. Carney, John M. A. Corrigan, James H. Courtney, James M. Doran, William H. Finnick, John J. Fitzgerald, Francis J. Kenney, Thomas J. Lee, Edward C. Mitchell, James R. McNulty, John J. O'Hearn, John M. Farrel, Thomas J. Golding, Thomas R. McCoy, Thomas P. McManmon, William J. Murphy, John T. Stinson, James E. Welsh, for the archdiocese of Boston; Henry J. Noon, John J. Noon, James F. McKeon, for the diocese of Providence; Thomas J. McDermott, James B. Murphy, William Cunningham, and Francis P. Curran for the diocese of Springfield; John A. Conlan for the diocese of Hartford.

The following were ordained deacons: Rev. Messrs. Miles D. Kiley, James H. Phelan, John J. Powers, William H. Walsh, Michael A. Butler, Francis Cronin, Mathew J. Gleason, Henry M. Lyons, Charles J. Ring, for the archdiocese of Boston; Cornelius J. Holland, Austin J. O'Toole, William J. Nagle, for the diocese of Providence.

Those ordained sub-deacons were: Rev. Walter A. Gagan for the archdiocese of Boston, Rev. Messrs. William Judge and Reinard Bardeck, for the diocese of Hartford; Rev. John George W. Welch for the diocese of Springfield; Rev. Herbert A. Hennon for the diocese of Manchester.

Rt. Rev. John J. Brady, auxiliary bishop of Boston, conferred minor orders at the seminary, Brighton, last Wednesday on the following: John J. Crane, James J. Lucy, Peter J. McCormack, Dennis H. Brown, J. Albert Crowley, Edward H. Kenney, Joseph P. Lawless, Hugh M. McDermott, Albert C. Mullin, Michael J. O'Connor, and Leo F. O'Neill for the archdiocese of Boston.

At the same time tonsure was conferred upon the following: John J. Harrington, Dennis J. Murphy, Thomas E. McNally, James D. Canaire, William J. Farrel, Maurice F. Flynn, Thomas C. Harrigan, James T. Landrigan, Michael F. Madden, Charles J. Maguire, John P. Sheehan, Richard H. Splaine and Benjamin F. Teeling, for the archdiocese of Boston.

At the conclusion of the mass the newly ordained priests received the congratulations of parents relatives and friends, after which they imparted their blessings to them. They will now enjoy a week's vacation, after which they will be assigned to churches in their respective dioceses.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 32.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity:—Fair tonight Sunday threatening, probably with rain; easterly winds.

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Gentlemen's white and colored shirts.
Boys' reefers and top coats.

When you come and see us you will admit it pays you.

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TERRIFIC SHOCK

Seventy Five Men Entombed in Mine

THE EXPLOSION WAS TERRIBLE

Blew Over the Tipple at Top of Shaft

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 23.—An explosion occurred at the Basnell Coal Works, four miles from here today. Sixty men are reported entombed. The tipple is wrecked. Messengers have been sent here for doctors.

A Uniontown dispatch received at Pittsburg says that 75 men were entombed and probably killed by the explosion in the Basnell mine. The force of the explosion was so great that the tipple at the head of the shaft was blown over. The Basnell mine is located four miles from Brownsville on the Redstone railroad. Physicians are now on their way to the scene of the disaster.

ROMANTIC LIFE

Of Former Superintendent of N.Y.N.H. & H. Road

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A story revealing the romantic life of Elbridge G. Allen, former superintendent of the N. Y., N. H., and H. railroad company, which ended recently by a self-inflicted bullet wound in a New York hotel, is unraveling in the Suffolk County probate court before Judge McKim.

The situation is dramatic. Two attractive women sat confronting each other one on the witness stand, the other in the spectators' seats, for more than two hours, while the former related circumstances of her marriage to a young blacksmith who subsequently became the active head of a big railroad corporation—a marriage which the other declares was never performed. The scene is the first in a litigation involving both women and the estate of Mr. Allen.

Harriet E. Allen of Portland, Me., the first wife of the deceased, petitions the court to appoint her administratrix of the estate of her husband, Elbridge G. Allen. The petition is opposed by Mrs. Flora E. Allen of Uxbridge the second wife.

The first Mrs. Allen has a son 22 years old and he appeared in court. He is a bright looking young fellow and listened to his mother's testimony with intense interest. Elbridge G. Allen, Jr., is the boy's name.

His mother was separated from his father Jan. 1, 1881.

Mr. Allen was well known in railroad circles. Sept. 25 last it became known through the press that he had committed suicide in a New York hotel. Near his bedside was found a slip of paper bearing the following: "Notify my wife, Flora E. Allen, Uxbridge, Mass.

Mrs. Harriet E. Allen is rather spare of figure, a brunette and prepossessing in appearance. She was attired in black. Mrs. Flora E. Allen is of larger build. She is dignified and of striking figure. Her attire is stylish, like that of Mrs. Harriet Allen.

H. S. Boutwell and Jesse Grove appear for the petitioner; C. F. Choate and Maxwell represent the respondent.

A BIG MYSTERY

For the Local Police to Solve

A POLE AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

Is Now Between Life and Death

HE WAS FOUND IN AN ALLEY

And Nobody Knows How He Was Injured

The Lowell police have another dark mystery to solve. Stanistaw Laerenski, a Pole, is now lying at St. John's hospital hovering between life and death. He is unconscious and the doctors say he is suffering from concussion of the brain. Nobody knows how the man was injured. It may have been an accident or it may have been a case of foul play.

Laerenski roomed with a Polish family at 86 William street, and it was from them that what little information that has been gained was obtained. Being unfamiliar with the English language, it is almost impossible to obtain many details, but their story is substantially as follows:

Laerenski is employed in one of the mills and upon returning from work Wednesday evening he announced his intention of going to Lawrence. He told them upon his return that he went down on the 6.30 car and that he had one glass of beer while there. He returned to the house at 10.30 and retired for the night. Shortly after retiring, he arose and announced his intention to one of the family of going to the door. As he did not return, after waiting some little time, the man of the house went to the door in quest of his roomer. Not finding him at the door, he began to look about the street and finally found Laerenski clothed only in underwear, lying prostrate in the alley adjoining the tenement.

He spoke to his roomer, but the latter was unable to answer him. The man was then carried into the house where he lay speechless and practically lifeless all day Thursday and Thursday night. No physician had been summoned during all this time and when Friday noon Laerenski was still unconscious the ambulance was called and the injured man was taken to St. John's hospital.

An examination of Laerenski's injuries was made at the hospital and it revealed the fact that he had sustained a concussion of the brain. He is still unconscious and his recovery is doubtful. No indications of paralysis were discovered and in fact he seemed to have the free use of his limbs as he thrashed about the bed almost continuously.

Upon the removal of the unfortunate man to the hospital, the police were notified and the inspectors went immediately to work on the case, but owing to the general ignorance of the English language in that district they made comparatively little headway. However, they are inclined to the opinion that the injury was the result of an accident as it is possible that he went to Lawrence for more than one glass of beer.

DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—The decision in the case of the city of Pittsburg vs State Senator William Flynn and others for $250,000 damages, was handed down at the opening of court today by Judge White. The defendants were acquitted.

The suit was in trespass and was based on the allegation that ex-Assistant City Attorney W. H. House had loaned city money to Senator Flynn.

ELECTION CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Emperor William has at last confirmed the election of Herr Kirschner, as chief burgomaster of Berlin. His majesty announced his decision at today's unveiling of the monument to his ancestor, Elector George William, in the Siegas Alee.

FUNERALS.

PLIMPTON.—Very impressive services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of the late Albert B. Plimpton, at his home, 6 Favor street. The services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Green. There was singing by Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Davis. Delegations from Monomake Encampment and Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F., and Columbia council, American Mechanics, were present. The bearers were members of the different societies of which the deceased was a member. Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F., held services at the grave. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery under the direction of Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck.

HART—Yesterday afternoon services were held at the warerooms of J. A. Weinbeck over the remains of Mrs. Adelia A. Hart, who died at the Lowell General hospital Thursday, Rev. R. A. Green officiating. There were delegations present from Ladd and Whitney Circle, ladies of the G. A. R., Evening Star lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, of which the deceased was a member. The services were in charge of th Daughters of Rebekah. There was singing by a quartet. Her remains were sent to Madison, N. Y., last night for interment by Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck. Deceased is survived by a husband, Henry E. Hart, and one brother. She was 51 years old and aprominent member of fraternal organizations.

CLARK—The funeral of Flora G. Clark took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 4 Crane's avenue. Rev. Bowley Green officiated and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Johnson. Mrs. W. H. Pepin sang appropriate selections. The bearers were Messrs. Wilson, Butler, Baker and Day. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker C. M. Young.

MOORE—The funeral of John Moore will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home, 355 Lincoln street.

McARDELL—The funeral of Edward J. McArdell, who was run over by a freight train at Lawrence and died later at an hospital in that city, took place this morning from the home of his father, 60 West street. A mass of requiem was solemnized at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock, Rev. John J. Gilday officiating. The funeral cortege then moved to the Catholic cemetery for interment. The funeral was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives of the deceased. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes, including the following: Large pillow inscribed "Brother" from the family; spray of chrysanthemums Mr. and Mrs. James H. McMahon; cross inscribed "At Rest." Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Custy; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. George Pheasy; star, clerks of S. H. Knox & Co.'s store. Rev. John J. Gilday read the committal prayers at the grave. Undertaker O'Donnell had charge of the burial.

PROSPERITY AT NORTH CHELMSFORD.

North Chelmsford is enjoying the general prosperity which has struck this part of the country after a too long absence. The mill is rushing matters and the iron foundry, which generally sends out help at this time of year, is retaining them this winter.

THE MAINE

SAILED FOR CAPE TOWN TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The American hospital ship Maine sailed from the West Indian docks for Cape Town at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon minus five of the male assistants supplied from the New York hospitals. One of these men is said to have expected promotion to a non-commissioned officer's rank. He succeeded in enlisting four friends who a moment before the ship sailed, notified Major Cabelle of their refusal to go, saying that one of their number was ill and that they had determined to stay. Major Cabelle informed them that their friend had been left in good hands, and that there was no reason to desert. The men, however, made other complaints, whereupon Major Cobelle informed them that they had had plenty of time to consider this before hand, but if they refused to go they must sign off the rolls and leave the ship. This the men did, standing on the deck they shouted: "We are too good Americans to leave a sick friend here for anyone."

FRANK SMILES

Mr. Frank Jones of Pollard street is full of smiles over the arrival of a 12 pound baby boy, who arrived yesterday. The mother and child are doing nicely.

TANGIN
FOR WOMEN

Young Woman

You are just blossoming into womanhood, and nature is unable to perform its work properly. *You need a Medicine that will make you a Strong, Healthy Woman.* You should take TANGIN—it will drive away all your troubles.

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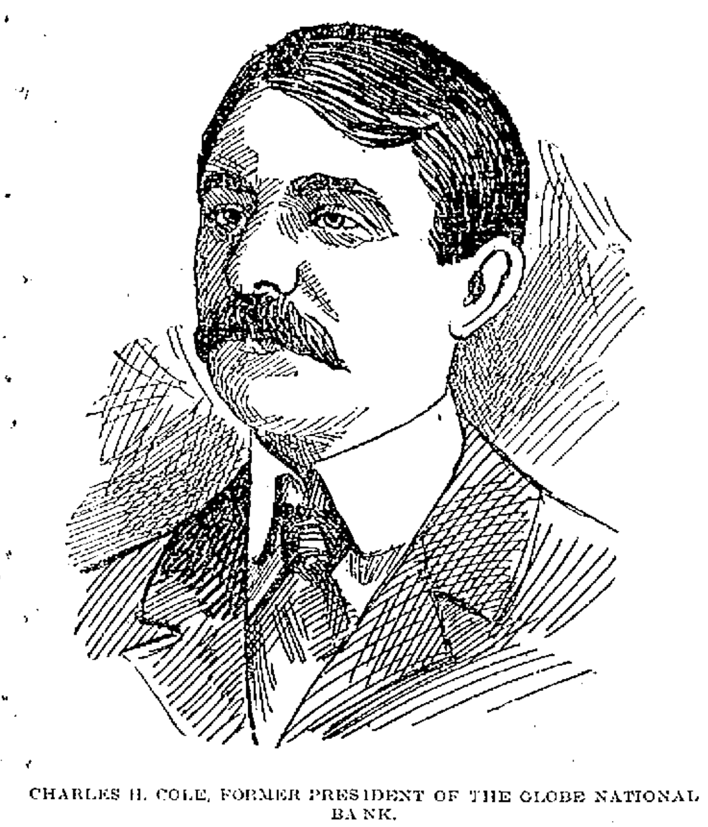

CHARLES H. COLE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE GLOBE NATIONAL BANK.

TO ARREST COLE

President of Globe National Bank

NOW AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Order of the District Attorney at Boston

HE CANNOT BE FOUND THERE

Charges of Irregularity Brought Against Him

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—The Globe correspondent here learns that late last night a telegram was received from United States government authorities in Boston directing the Los Angeles district attorney to detain former President Cole of the Globe National bank of Boston, on the charge of misappropriating a large sum of the bank's money.

The complaint and warrant for Cole's arrest were sent from Boston this morning.

Mr. Cole, his wife and son, have been at Varney's Hotel here since Sunday. Mr. Cole was about the hotel yesterday and his wife and son are still here, but Cole cannot now be found. A United States marshal has had instructions from the district attorney and at a late hour last night was waiting in the hope that Cole would return to the hotel.

EX-PRES. COLE'S CAREER

HE ENTERED THE GLOBE NATIONAL BANK AS A CLERK.

Charles H. Cole spent the best part of his life behind the counters of the Globe National bank. He has known what it was to be a subordinate and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of successive boards of directors that won him promotion from under clerk to assistant teller, thence to teller, from that to cashier, then to the vice presidency, and lastly to the position as the chief officer of the institution. It may be said that his business career was spent in this bank which has just closed, for it was only recently that his name was connected with any enterprise other than the Globe National bank.

Mr. Cole is about 53 years old and was born in Plymouth. He came to Boston when only five years old and was brought up in South Boston. After finishing his education in the Boston High school, he went to work in a private banking house in 1862. He obtained employment in the Globe National bank in 1868 as a clerk, and during the next 13 years he filled the offices of assistant teller and teller. He was industrious, modest, careful and reliable, and he won the regard of the former president, William B. Stevens. In 1881 Mr. Cole was so highly regarded that he was made cashier and he held this place until 1891, when he was advanced to the vice presidency. During Mr. Cole's term as cashier, so great was the president's confidence in him that his authority was extended beyond the ordinary limits of the power of the cashier.

Especially in the matter of loans he was permitted to exercise his judgment and matters that in most banks were within the sole province of the president, devolved upon the cashier of the Globe, so trusted was he.

It is said that during the last few years of Mr. Cole's term of office as cashier, he practically ran the bank, that he passed upon loans and issued them by simply advising the president and directors of the value of the paper presented in his opinion. So according to the story of Charles H. Cole's rise to the commanding position in the bank, he was the managerial head during the years when he was only the cashier.

It is said tat the examinations of the bank paper since the retirement of Mr. Cole have shown that he had permitted overdrafts and sanctioned to some extent overloans to some concerns and individuals as far back as 10 years ago, when he was only cashier. This was said in explanation of the growth of this feature of the Globe National bank business discovered recently.

Mr. Stevens was succeeded as president by C. O. Billings in 1881 and this gentleman served until 1895. In 1894, Mr. Cole was once more elevated, this time to the position of vice president, and made one of the board of directors. He already had the authority of this place but the promotion increased his influence.

By this time Mr. Cole had gained a place of recognized standing in the banking community. When in 1895 Mayor Edwin U. Curtis was looking about for a commission to investigate and report upon the municipal finances, he selected Mr. Cole as one of three men to advise him in the adjustment of the city's business. Mr. Cole served as vice president under Capt. Charles E. Stevens during 1895-7, and when that gentleman died he was elected to his place. His career as president extended over two years and he retired November 6 last.

SUNDAY SERMONS

TO BE PREACHED AT THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES TOMORROW.

First Baptist—Morning, "The Glory of God," evening, "The Imprint of Heaven."

First Unitarian—Morning, "Can We Do Without Christ?"

First Primitive Methodist—Morning, "The Marvellous Christ;" evening, Sunday school Christmas concert.

First Congregational church—Morning, "Joyous Lessons;" 4 p. m., vesper service, evening, Christmas Sunday school concert.

Westminster Presbyterian—Morning, "The Wonder of the Ages;" evening, "The Peerless Man."

Second Church of Christ, Scientist—Morning, "Christian Science."

First Presbyterian—Morning "The Star of Bethlehem; evening, "The Christian Triumph."

All Saints, Chelmsford—Holy Communion 10 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.45; Sunday school at noon; Christmas Eve service with sermon 7 p. m.; Christmas Day, Holy Communion 10 a. m. Sunday school festival, Tuesday, 7 p. m.

Salvation Army—Holiness meeting 11 a. m. Children's meeting, 1.45 p. m., song and praise service 3 p. m. gospel meeting, 7.30. The string band will assist.

Paige Street Free Baptist—Morning, "The Babe in the Manger;" evening, Miss Vella, state superintendent of primary school work will give a Christmas illustrated lesson.

St. Paul's M. E.—Morning, "The Lord Is Come;" evening, "Was the Angel Song a Sarcasm?"

Ayer City Union Mission—Christmas Sunday school concert at 3 o'clock.

Fifth Street, Baptist—Morning, "The World's Great Festival;" evening, Christmas concert.

Centralville M. E.—Morning, Christmas sermon illustrated by blackboard; evening, Sunday school concert.

St. Anne's—Sunday evening, Dec. 24, Christmas eve, Sunday school carol service, at 7 o'clock; Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day; 7.30 a. m., first celebration of holy communion; 10.30, full services, sermon and holy communion.

Christadelphian Ecclesia — Morning, "The Heavens and the Earth Shall Shake."

Highland Congregational — Morning, Christmas festival by the Sunday school; evening, Christmas carol service.

Eliot Congregational—Morning, Preaching by Rev. G. R. Hewitt; evening, Christmas Sunday school concert in auditorium.

Grace Universalist—Morning, "Church in the Life of Today."

Immanuel Baptist—Morning, Mr. F. A. Hayward of this city who is studying at Colgate, N. Y., will preach; evening, Sunday school concert.

Gospel meeting and Bible study at Highland hall this afternoon at three o'clock. The heads and horns of Revelation will be studied. Everybody invited.

Central M. E. church (corner of John and Paige street)—Pastor Meredith's morning subject: The Wonderful Child;" Sunday school at noon, Epworth league at 5.45 p. m.; Christmas concert at 6.45 p. m. All seats free. Come!

Worthen Street M. E.—Morning, Christmas, "The Benediction Day of the Year," evening, Christmas concert.

Free Church—Morning, "God With Us."

Unity Meeting House— Afternoon at 4 o'clock: "The Men Who See Best In a Cloudy Day."

Worthen Street Baptist—Morning, "The Prince of Peace;" evening, "No room for Christ."

Highland M. E.—Morning, Christmas sermon and music; evening, vesper service.

Mrs. Nettie H. Harding will lecture and give tests for the First Spiritualist society, in Odd Fellows' hall, Merrimack street, at 2.30 and 7 p. m.

Elder C. O. Barnham will preach at the second advent church Grand street, morning and evening, Sunday, Dec. 24.

Central Congregational, Dracut—Morning, Christmas concert, musical director, Warren Hamblett; evening, Christmas sermon by the pastor.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY THE LOWELL IRISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Lowell Irish Benevolent society held at their hall, Wednesday evening, the following board of officers was elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Thomas F. Quinn; vice president, Morgan Reilly; spiritual director, Rev. Michael O'Brien; treasurer, John Whitely; financial secretary, John McCluskey; recording secretary, James Howard; executive committee, Hugh McOsker, Henry F. Keyes; standing committee, Peter Sheehan, Patrick Reagan, John Breen, Henry F. Maguire, John Roarke; sick committee, James Hiland, John J. Grady, Peter Driscoll; steward, Hugh Golden.

MUSIC HALL

Standing room was at a premium in Music Hall last night with the "High Rollers."

"Dad In Harness," introducing Otis B. Thayer and Beatrice MacKenzie will be presented at Music Hall for three nights commencing Monday, Dec. 25th. An extra matinee will be given Christmas day with the usual matinee Wednesday. "Dad in Harness" is a farce comedy by Kenneth Lee and is said to be one of the brightest comedies from the young author's pen, abounding in clean comedy, good music and amazing situations; specialties are introduced throughout the action of the comedy and from all accounts they are of a very high order. Without a first class company goes far to make this one of the strongest attractions that has been seen at the Music Hall this season. All new special scenery is really a feature with "Dad in Harness."

Frank Rawnsley has been presented with a plush case containing a gold pen and pencil as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the young women of the U. S. Bunting company's drawing room.

Second Annual Visit of Mariani

Card Reader. Room 47, Bon Marche Building. Ladies, 25 cents.

AT THE SCHOOLS

Entertainments Given at the Different Schools

BEFORE CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAY VACATION

Enjoyable Entertainment at Normal School

In all of the 12 public school kindergartens in the city, Christmas trees were given at the close of the term. At the Chapel street school the exercises were held Thursday afternoon and at the Lincoln school Friday afternoon. The trees were dressed entirely with the work made by the children and the entertainment consisted of the usual kindergarten Christmas exercises.

PAWTUCKET SCHOOL

HOLDS AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

A pretty entertainment was given at the Pawtucket school by the children yesterday afternoon. The program was as follows: Song, Ethel Roy; readings, Marion Batchelder, Bernard Kelly; character song, Anna Guyton and Chester Field; reading, Sarah Braden; reading, Helen Guyton. The program closed with a dialogue, in which Grace Mansfield played the part of Mother Goose and entertained the numerous children of her class. "Little Boy Blue," "Simple Simon" and all the others in appropriate costumes spoke their little pieces for "Mother Goose" and for the audience. The children were drilled by Miss Mansfield, one of the teachers. At the close of the entertainment, Principal Barry spoke a few words to the children wishing them all a happy Christmas.

The scholars in the first room at this school have been doing some particularly fine work in the way of pen and ink drawings and color designs. Some beautiful booklets and calendars were given out at the close of the afternoon session, as mementoes of the Christmas season. The work done is designed to cultivate literary as well as the artistic sense of the pupils.

BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

PRESENTED BY CHILDREN OF THE VARNUM SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the seventh grade of the Varnum grammar school presented Kate Douglas Wiggins' "Birds' Christmas Carol." The entertainment was under the direction of the teachers, Miss Grace W. Balch and Miss Daisy B. MacBrayne. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, John McGrath.
Introduction of Story, Faith Doty.
Scene I. Carol tells Uncle Jack her Christmas plans.
Piano duet, Mabel and Fred Harvey.
Scene II.—Teaching dinner-party "manners" to "The Ruggleses in the rear."
Piano solo, Agnes Ryan.
Scene III. The dinner-party.
Violin and piano duet, Florence Nix and Annabel Mackenzie.
Story continued.
Scene IV. The choir boys.
Story concluded.
Recessional.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Mrs. Ruggles	Miss Daisy B. MacBrayne
Mrs. Bird	Antonia Roussel
Uncle Jack	Fred Walsh
Carol Bird	Hope Hathaway
Sarah Maude	Belle Duncan
Peter	Elmer Mitchell
Susan	Ethel Clarke
Kitty	Aladina Florent
Clement	Norman Peabody
Cornelius	Royal Mills
Peoria	Mary Tarpey
Elly	Lottie Lane
Larry	Frank Whiteomb

Choir Boys—Paul Chandler, Earl Ober, Albini Folsy, Walter Connelly, Grant Miller, Bert Tuttle, Fred Walsh, Earl Kimball, Fred Harvey, Charles Ertils.
Reader, Faith Doty.

A NICE PROGRAM

GIVEN BY THE PUPILS OF THE BUTLER SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the Butler school gave a very pleasing entertainment. Credit is also due to the teachers who so ably assisted them in carrying out the program.

A hearty welcome was given each one as they went on the stage. One of the most pleasing features was that of the quartette, which was composed of Miss Marion Doherty, Miss Margaret Green, Miss E. Johnson, and Florence Holgate. James Bell and William Kershaw pleased the audience with their cornet and piano playing. The program:

Chorus, Adeste Fideles, school; recitation, Anon, Estelle Moors; club exercises, Amelia Howard; semi-chorus, Christmas song, six girls from Miss Foley's room; note to Santa Claus, Nellie Travers; Day After Christmas, Maude Fowler, Alex. Semple; quartette, "The Air Is Filled with the Echoes," Margaret Green, M. Doherty, E. Johnson, F. Holgate; graphaphone selections, Lettie Lairdison; "The Stocking's Christmas," Emily Thatcher; chorus "Shine Out, O Blessed," Grace Draper; violin solo, piano accompaniment; W. Cunningham, W. Kershaw; "When We Hang Up Our Stockings," Mabel Sykes; "The Flower's Fur-Coat," Blanche Walsh; semi-chorus, "Merry Christmas," pupils from Miss O'Brien's and Miss Marren's rooms; "A Boy Without a Sweetheart," Walter Brown; "Jess Before Christmas," George Severance; semi-chorus, "Old Folks at Home," boys from Miss Murphy's and Miss McCarthy's room; "In Santa Claus Land," May Lowney; cornet solo, with piano accompaniment, James Bell and W. Kershaw; "My Georgia Rose," Martin Maguire; chorus, "America," school.

The program was under the direction of Principal Callahan.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

BY THE YOUNG WOMEN OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon, just before the closing of the term for the holidays, a very pleasing drama, entitled, "Bachelor Maids," was presented by the young women students of the state normal school. The entertainment was followed by dancing. The cast of characters is as follows:

Miss Vincent, a nurse, Miss Dodge.
Miss Carruthers, a novelist, Miss Coleman.
Miss Lovering, a writer of advertisements, Miss Magoon.
Miss Taylor, a member of a college settlement, Miss Rollins.
Miss Beatrice Sinclair, Miss Jamieson.
Golden Lilies, a Japanese maid, Miss Lord.

The scene represented the "den" of the bachelor maids adorned with the paraphernalia of their various professions. It was very cleverly presented and gave much pleasure to the invited guests who were present.

TEACHER REMEMBERED.

Miss Amy L. Tucke, a teacher in the Bartlett school was given a present yesterday, by her pupils. Master Harold Sherman made the presentation speech and the presentation was followed by an entertainment program as follows:

Songs, Marietta Leary and Luella Dewar; recitations, Ida Peters, Luella Dewar, Katherine O'Donoghue, Abbie Bean, ora Ryan, Marietta Leary and Anastasia Murray; singing, "Christmas Bells," class.

CARTER STREET SCHOOL.

The following program was presented by the pupils of the Carter street school:

Wreath drill, Della Goldburg, Margaret Mooney, Abbie Higgins, Gertrude Donovan, Annie Mead, Annie Donahue, Gertrude Humphries, Annabel Lowney, Winnie Burtt, Orilla Lacouesse, Jennie Shrigley; violin solo, Esther Pihl; "Mother Goose's Christmas," with the following cast: Mother Goose, Mary Leith; Little Boy Blue, Frank Purcell; Jack and Gill, William Boyle and Lizzie Seoble; Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe, Lizzie Shaunnessey; Mary Quite Contrary, An- [illegible] Jack Horner, Frank Quick; Little Miss Muffit, Grace Stockham; Simple Simon, Frank Orvell; Mother Hubbard Annie Patnaude; Peter Pumpkin Eater, Rudolph Brown; Bo Peep, Annie Arll; Dr. Foster, Hubert Senior; Tom, the Piper's Son, Samuel Miller; Johnny Green, Walter Finnegan; Santa Claus, Andrew Stormquist. The program closed with "Christmas Bells" by the school. Miss Katherine F. Brady was the accompanist.

CAMPAIGNING TOUR

OF PRESIDENT McKINLEY WILL BE 10,000 MILES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President McKinley will next fall duplicate, if not surpass the famous campaigning tour of Benjamin Harrison. His present plans are to cover the entire country. The president today assured Senator Perkins of California that he would accompany the delegation in congress from that state to witness the launching of the new battleship Ohio at San Francisco. This vessel is being built by the Union Iron Works and will be ready for the water in September or October. It is expected that this visit to the Pacific coast will be in its chief features a protracted rear-end speech-making tour. The party will probably go over the northern route and return by the southern lines through New Orleans and other gulf cities. Thus the south and west will be covered in a journey of 10,000 miles.

Before making this trip, the president it is said, will be given an opportunity to visit New England and New York. In this manner without the appearance of actual campaigning he will be enabled to perform arduous missionary work in every section of the union.

ENDED LIFE

SUICIDE OF A WAR VETERAN AT MEDFORD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MEDFORD, Dec. 23—Hugh M. Campbell, one of the oldest members of Gen. Lawrence post 66, G. A. R., of this city committee suicide some time last night at his home, 24 Webster street, by hanging from the baluster rail in the hallway. He had been despondent for some time. Campbell slept with his son, and some time during the night got up and committed the tragic act. His son missed him and upon searching for him, found him in the hallway suspended from the baluster rail of the second story. He had been dead but a short time when found. The police were notified and word sent the medical examiner.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last evening at the regular meeting of Court Columbus, Foresters of America, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chief ranger, D. Moynahan; sub chief ranger, C. Shanley; treasurer, S. D. Breen; recording secretary, Jas. A. McCusker; financial secretary, Dennis Healey; senior woodward, Daniel J. Burke; junior woodward, John M. Aherne; senior beadle, James M. Grogan; junior beadle, Cornelius Conole; trustees, T. Conroy, John Moynahan; physician, Dr. James E. Leary.

Five candidates were initiated and two propositions were received at the regular meeting of Integrity Lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., last night. During the evening Malcolm Curry, who has been the lodge's warden for seven years, was presented a handsome gold emblem of the lodge by his fellow members for his faithful services. The election of officers took place afterwards resulted as follows: Noble grand, Richard Chadwick; vice grand, James Brooks; elective secretary, Alexander Mitchell; treasurer, John McPhail; permanent secretary, Samuel Rodger; warden, Malcolm Curry.

A grand supper and entertainment was held last night after the regular meeting of Waverly lodge, Sons of St. George. Princess lodge, Daughters of St. George were present in a body to enjoy the evening. The entertainment was a finely arranged one and was made up of the following: Piano solo, Alfred Asquith; singing, "Hail, Smiling Morn," by all; dialogue, "The Henpecked Husband;" song, Joseph Fielding; hymn, "Christmas Awake;" song, "Anchor Weighed," William Sykes. A fine supper was served during the evening and the following committee had charge of the tables: Messrs. Joseph Fielding, William Kershaw, John Greenleaf, Mrs. William Ireland, Mrs. James Dawson, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Joseph Fielding, Mrs. Whitehead. At the business meeting $25 was donated to the widows of the English soldiers in the Transvaal. The sum will be sent to England and will go to the Rudyard Kipling fund.

Last night at the regular meeting of Columbia council, O. U. A. M., three propositions were received. Arrangements were completed for a steam clam bake to be held next Friday evening and all the members were requested to be present. Arrangements are also being made for the union fair to be given by the council and Daughters of Liberty at Associate hall.

Routine business only was transacted at the regular meeting of Independent council, Jr. O. U. A. M., last evening.

The regular meeting of Lowell lodge, I. O. O. F., was held last evening, and only routine business was transacted. After the meeting a collation was given and the members enjoyed themselves.

The people of St. John's church are fortunate in securing the services of the Dartmouth Glee Club for Tuesday. See notice elsewhere.

LOYAL BRITAINS

TWO YOUNG MEN LEAVE LOWELL FOR THE WAR.

Lowell is to be represented in the South African war for two young men of this city have decided to return to their native heath and enlist in the English army. The names of these patriotic young Englishmen are Alfred Watson, formerly hailing from London and George Boothroid from Hudderstield, Yorkshire. The young men have been living with James G. Birtwell at 62 Whipple street while in this city and worked for the U. S. Bunting company.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Secretary Courtney states that the applications for out-door relief are not as heavy this Christmas as formerly. The improved conditions and the warm weather probably account for it.

MOB OF A 1000

Race War Breaks Out In Newport News

NEGROES PREYED UPON HEBREW MERCHANTS

Ex-Convict Shot on Entering a Store

THIS CAUSE A RIOT NEXT DAY

The Whole Police Force Called Out to Quell It

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 23.—Riot and bloodshed in the densely populated negro quarter known as Rockette was the culmination today of a feud between the negroes and the Hebrew residents who monopolize the retail business of that section.

The shops of the merchants have suffered from frequent depredations of late at the hands of negro desperadoes who flock here from every section of the state. Robberies have been of such frequent occurrence that many of the merchants have found it necessary to keep a night watch over their premises. At the store of Ida Rome, Sam Jacobs, Abe Levin and Sam White were on guard last night, when Phil Williams, a notorious negro ex-convict known as "Black Kid" broke into the house.

He was fired on by the three watchers who riddled his body with bullets. When the news of the killing was spread yesterday morning the negroes banded together and started in to avenge the Black Kid.

A mob 1000 strong took part in the affray that followed. The fighting began on Jefferson avenue when John Harper, colored, attacked Sam White, one of the men who had shot Williams. Isadore Kahn, a special policeman, put Harper under arrest. Razors, clubs, stones and pistols were used. The entire police force was called out. Two negroes were shot, neither of whom will die. Many were injured. The police are keeping a close watch on the negro quarter.

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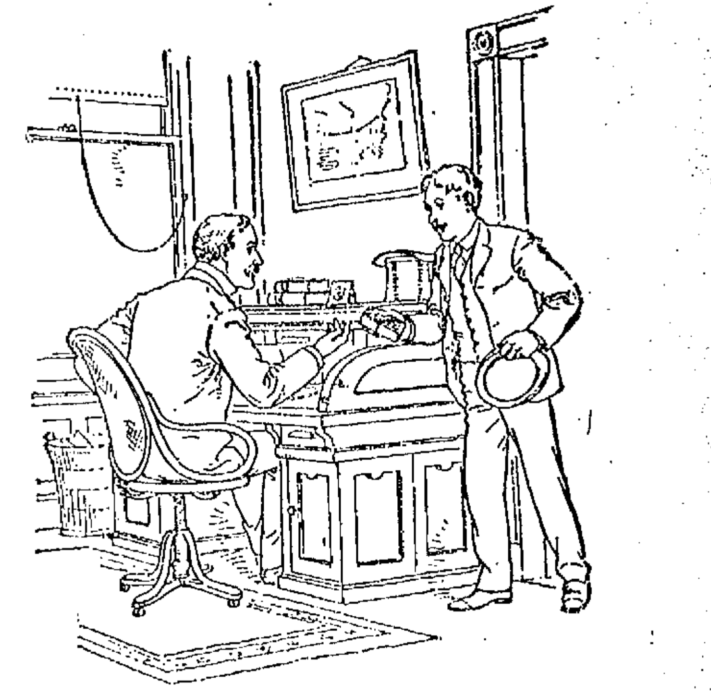

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That THE SUN issues three editions daily,—two, five and six o'clock? *The Night Edition,* six o'clock, is on the street at five o'clock. It contains all the latest local and telegraphic news. It is the only paper in Lowell that has all the news, and that is why it prints more copies daily than any two other local papers combined. If you have not been getting the night edition, tell your newsboy or dealer that you want it. Compare it with the other papers and you will be convinced that it has the news from twelve to twenty-four hours ahead of its contemporaries.

A Merry Christmas to all.

So the police pension act has been accepted by the city and now the board of police will proceed to apply it to the members who are within the age limit.

General Buller has retreated to a safe distance, and in so doing he has shown better generalship than did General Methuen, whose retreat is probably cut off.

We presume that General Buller is now personally conducting that commission that he appointed to appraise the damages to Natal by the Boer invasion. Perhaps he thought that after he had finished his Christmas dinner in Pretoria he would call upon Oom Paul to settle.

On Monday the Christmas festival will be observed in the usual manner by religious services, grand musical programs, exchange of gifts and general wishing of joy. There is just a little danger that the conventional observance of the feast will in some places overshadow its real meaning as the commemoration of the nativity of the Savior.

The aldermen, it seems, rather put themselves in the hole by ordering the electric light wires on Andover street under ground in violation of the ordinance which forbids a newly macadamized street to be torn up for five years after the macadam has been put on. Is not this an attempt to put the ordinance under ground?

Mayor Quincy has signed an order for a line of automobile vehicles in Boston, so that the people of Boston will soon be on a level with the European cities that use these new fangled conveyances very largely. As the bicycle and the electric car superseded the horse, so the automobile will largely supersede both and will serve for family use, thus overcoming the objections to the bicycle, which is used individually except in case of the horrid tandems, sextettes, and so on.

Some of the British aristocrats are volunteering for service in South Africa, and some, like the Duke of Marlboro, are to furnish troops of their own. In the various defeats inflicted by the Boers on the British the latter got the credit of making an orderly retreat, combined, we presume, with all necessary speed. That is more, we opine, than the aristocratic volunteers will be able to do if they ever get within range of the Boer guns.

The American Federation of Labor showed good judgment in re-electing Mr. Gompers as president and by denouncing the imperial policy in the interests of labor, as shown by the following resolution:

> We (the A. F. of L.) are opposed to all wars of conquest, whether carried on in Africa or in the Philippines; that we most emphatically protest against the forcible annexation to this country of either Porto Rico, Cuba, Guam or the Philippines; that we are equally opposed to any increase in the army of the United States beyond the limit of 25,000 men and officers; and that the executive council and the legislative committee are hereby instructed to use every means in their power to carry out the provisions of this resolution."

The conservative press in England is alarmed at being left unprotected while the entire British army is sent out to South Africa. What if Russia would make a move that might destroy the balance of power? What if she makes a move upon India, or to take the lion's share of China? Oh, horrible of horribles, what a national calamity it would be if England's possessions should be invaded while her chief generals and practically all of her regular army are engaged in South Africa! There is a growing sentiment in London in favor of abandoning the war and taking Oom Paul at his word, as he says he will settle on easy terms, being willing to give England time enough to pay the war indemnity.

A WORD FOR THE SUN.

"Newspaperdom," a New York publication, has the following regarding the Sun's libel suit victory:

The Lowell (Mass.) Sun, sued for libel by the manager of the Lowell opera house for printing an adverse but truthful criticism of a performance, has secured in the superior court a favorable decision, sustaining the judgment obtained in a former trial.

The play under fire was criticized as indecent and vulgar, so the manager of the opera house brought suit. As indicated, the newspaper won.

This is a victory for the newspaper which might have been anticipated. And it is to be hoped that the example of The Sun may be freely followed.

It is as much the province and privilege of a newspaper to criticize adversely where such criticism is justified as to laud where such subject is meritorious.

A newspaper, in its position as the purveyor of intelligence about current happenings, has a perfect right to criticize what goes on in a public place. Indeed, it is its duty to do so. And it is surely a duty it owes to its readers to criticize adversely a performance meriting condemnation.

It is however too often the case that newspapers withhold just condemnation fearing the effect of such criticism on future advertising.

Newspaperdom is glad that the Lowell Sun ignored possible loss of revenue, and did its duty by its readers.

WHEN THE 20TH CENTURY OPENS.

It seems that in spite of all that has been said some people are not convinced that the twentieth century will not begin until January 1, 1901. If plain statements will not suffice to convince the skeptical, we will give plain figures without any argument, and surely the figures will not lie. The date of commencement and date of closing for each of the twenty centuries are given below and if anybody will count from January 1, 1900, until December 31, 2000, they will find that they have not a hundred years, but 101 years, which is more than a century, as it includes one year taken from the 19th century.

Jan. 1, year of 1, 1st century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 100, 1st century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 101, 2d century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 200, 2d century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 201, 3d century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 300, 3d century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 301, 4th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 400, 4th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 401, 5th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 500, 5th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 501, 6th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 600, 6th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 601, 7th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 700, 7th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 701, 8th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 800, 8th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 801, 9th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 900, 9th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 901, 10th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1000, 10th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1001, 11th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1100, 11th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1101, 12th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1200, 12th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1201, 13th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1300, 13th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1301, 14th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1400, 14th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1401, 15th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1500, 15th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1501, 16th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1600, 16th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1601, 17th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1700, 17th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1701, 18th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1800, 18th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1801, 19th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1900, 19th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1901, 20th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 2000, 20th century ends.

CRISP GOSSIP.

There's an absent-min[illegible] newspaper man in one of our [illegible]torial rooms, and I saw him [illegible]nny "break" a few days ago. [illegible] over his desk had bothered him [illegible] and removing the large glass g[illegible] he started in to investigate the mechanism of the burner. The globe is one of these paperweight affairs and as the newspaper man fiddled with the burner with his right hand he held the globe in his left. Having investigated it to his satisfaction, he went into his vest pocket with the free hand. Not finding one on that side he released his hold on the globe and shoved his left hand into the other pocket and come out of his dream as the globe struck the floor with a crash.

NEW DRILL SHED.

Owing to the unusual amount of fine weather and the diligence of those in charge, the work on the new high school armory is progressing rapidly, and if the present conditions continue the new building will be roofed in a few weeks.

The building when completed, will be used as a manual training school, and will contain rooms and equipment for instruction in carpenter work, machine work and work in the blacksmith shop.

A feature of the building will be the large drill hall for the high school regiment. It will be about the same size as the drill shed in the state armory on Westford street and in addition will have a gallery on all four sides, which will seat about 700 people. About eight class rooms and a large drawing room will be provided over the drill hall for school purposes in connection with the manual training instruction. The architect of the building is Mr Harry Prescott Graves. The building promises to be one of the best in the state.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

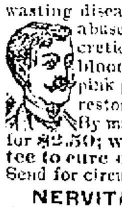
TO THE EMPLOYES OF THE J. C. AYER COMPANY.

Treasurer Rose of the J. C. Ayer Co. treated the employes of that big establishment to a genuine and agreeable surprise yesterday, when the paymaster made his rounds. Mr Rose in behalf of the company, presented every employe a cash Christmas gift equal to 10 per cent. of his or her weekly stipend.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

A successful dance was held at Bay State hall last night. It was attended by a good sized crowd and a good time was enjoyed by all. Keyes' orchestra furnished music during the evening and dancing was enjoyed until nearly midnight. The following was the committee in charge of the affair:

General manager, George McVicker; assistant, Thomas F. Kenney; floor director, George Shanks.



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COMPLAINTS HEARD

AT SESSION OF INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The hearing before the inter-state commerce commission called on account of complaints made by shippers against the proposed new classification of freight by railroads operating under the "Official Classification" was resumed yesterday.

By agreement, Frank Harriott, general traffic manager of the Erie railroad and a members of the "Official Classification committee" went on the witness stand to testify as to the new classification. He reiterated Mr. Gill's statement of yesterday, that the new classification was adopted because the railways absolutely needed the increased revenues.

Inquiries developed the admission by Mr. Harriott, that, on the average, miscellaneous cars carrying articles paying less than carload rates were being more heavily loaded now than heretofore and therefore, that the earnings of that class of traffic were greater.

It developed at this point that at a meeting of shippers and those representing their interests, former attorney general of Ohio, F. S. Monnett, J. H. Bromwell, and Mortimer Matthews of Cincinnati, had been appointed to present to the commission the action of the shippers. Mr. Monnett presented a set of resolutions adopted by the commercial interests directing attention to testimony adduced at the present hearing showing, it was maintained, discriminations by the railroads, against the small shippers in favor of the large shippers and to the fact that the railroads had declined to extend the time for the new classification to go into effect. These resolutions were supplemented by a petition by a large majority of the shippers in attendance upon the hearing asking that the commission lay the testimony before the attorney general of the United States with a view to have him bring action against railroads to prevent the new classification from becoming effective on January 1, 1900.

For sometime the attorneys of the shippers argued in favor of the commission, maintaining that the commission had no more authority to make recommendations to the attorney general than had representatives of the shippers.

It was determined finally that the shippers would offer some testimony and R. W. Brown, representing Schofield, Schner & Teagle of Cleveland, O., was sworn. He said the new classifications on petroleum would be absolutely ruinous to small shippers.

Mr. Brown said the small shippers of oil could not successfully compete with the Standard Oil company.

D. H. De Colyer, a carriage manufacturer of Cincinnati, testified that the proposed increase in the classification of vehicles would be destructive of competition throughout the country.

This closed the testimony and the hearing was adjourned.

GREAT ACTIVITY

GOING ON AT THE LOCAL POST OFFICE.

This morning the annual Christmas rush started at the post office, though during the week there has been a steady flow of people at the stamp window with bundles, boxes and letters, and as the time passes the line of people seem to increase instead of diminishing.

On Christmas day there will be, as usual, one delivery at 8 o'clock in the morning for the entire city. Down town in the business centre the mail will be delivered all day, as usual. The carriers will deliver packages as far as it is possible to do so, but in order to accommodate people who wish to get their Christmas mail on time cards will be sent to those who have packages in the office that cannot be delivered at once. In some of the residential sections of the city it is not unusual for the carrier to have on his route 500 or 600 packages, so it can be readily seen that it is impossible for all to reach their destination promptly. Christmas day and the day following there will be four or five extra carriers, but the extra allowance is not large enough to provide for the prompt delivery of all the Christmas packages. Notifications are sent in order to enable the people to get their presents earlier, rather than to save the carriers.

The great flood of incoming mail will be on Sunday and Monday. Then the full force of clerks and carriers will be kept busy, instead of working alternate Sundays, as usual. All the mail that it is possible for the carriers to handle will be sent out on the 8 o'clock delivery Monday morning.

SOCIAL LABOR PARTY.

There will be a public meeting of the Social Labor party at Bay State hall Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Joseph Maloney of Winchester will address the meeting.

Mr. Charles H. Hooke, cashier of the Globe bank of Boston, is a Lowell man who has many friends here that will wish him clear sailing through the trouble which has come upon his bank.

THE CANDIDATES

Are Filled With Hope and Fear

CHANGES IN FIGHT FOR SUPT. OF STREETS

Ether S. Foss Now in the Fight

The information that the republican members of the new city government will not caucus on Inauguration Day in order to select candidates for the municipal offices has been heard with delight by the candidates in the many-sided contests for it means that one man is as good as another until the very finish. Take the city messenger contest, for instance. There are 17 candidates out for it up to date and 26 members of their own party to vote for them. It would take a month to settle on a man and then there would be 16 soreheads because each one left would claim that he could have had democratic votes had he been given a show. With a fair field and no favor it will be a merry war and maybe there'll not be some tall dickering and promising. The candidates as far as I can remember are Frank M. Fagan, democratic; and Lorenzo E. Smith, C. Frank Going, Fred Tibbitts, William E. Savage, Walter E. Hodgman, James McDowell, Fred Humphries, Homer Turcotte, Joseph Bergeron, Arthur Lyman, Patrick Falvey, George C. Evans, and Daniel G. McVey. Then there are others whose names I cannot at present recall. It will be a long fight and at present it looks like Fagan.

Though Laforest Beals says that he hasn't asked them as yet, his friends claim that he will have all the democratic votes against Supt. Cheney in the fight for the latter's job. If Beals wins and his chances are extremely good, the job which he holds at present will be vacant and it would make an acceptable berth for some worthy democrat while the assistant superintendency of streets should have a democrat holding it down. While the democratic members are not strong enough to land any of the big offices, they certainly hold the balance of power in all contests and by united action should pull out a couple of good "assistant" jobs for the party. Beals has always been friendly toward the democrats while Cheney has ignored them. Their memories are long.

Chairman Poore of the republican city committee having laid down his burden is putting up a great fight in his own behalf and the signs indicate that at last he is to get something more substantial than talk for his efforts in past years. While George was not the most scrupulous politician in the world, he nevertheless stands better with the democrats today than does Squire Qua, although that isn't saying much; for a third candidate could go in and defeat both of them as far as the democrats are concerned. A young man named Duncan, whom no one ever heard of before, is said to be a candidate, but as he has been admitted to the bar only recently it is doubtful if he will be seriously considered though they say he is a promising young man. James G. Hill, Jr., son of Capt. J. G., is also mentioned. Mr. Hill, while a clever and promising young barrister, is hardly old enough in the law to cut much of a figure in a contest for so important a position. With Poore and Qua the only contestants, Poore appears to be the stronger candidate.

"Gillow wants to hustle if he's going to win," said a councilman to me at city hall yesterday. "Gillow is bustling while Varnum lately is putting up a great fight among both democrats and republicans. Varnum believes that he has a first claim on the office, having held it until ousted by the supreme court in the famous quo warranto case which John J. Hogan, Esq., conducted on behalf of Ex-Supt Richard Bray. Gillow, on the other hand, states that there can be no adverse criticism of his administration and for that reason he believes he is entitled to a second term. Gillow has and was not offensively partisan though he never forgot the fact that he is a republican. His friends are much incensed over the reported opposition of Capt. Mitten to his cause. They claim that the captain should take off his coat to his lieutenant rather than try to defeat him. Republicans like republics are ungrateful.

Supt. Wyman and Col. Pinder generally turn up at City Hall at least once a day and it is always their questionable fortune to meet. They exchange greetings with frost-bitten cordiality and one goes on to "do" the "other." The remarkable feature of this contest is the fact that while there are only nine to vote on the question, each candidate is confident that he has a sufficient number to elect him which shows that one of the candidates is "on a rope." However, Secy. Courtney will be re-elected before either Pinder or Wyman is considered.

The Pinder-Wyman contest is a bitter one because it is a part of several of the fights, notably the Hayes-McKinley row. The Hayes forces are out for Pinder and the McKinleyites for Wyman. During the recent city election Hayes republicans turned out for Crowley because Putnam favored McKinley and one of them a member of the republican city committee went into ward one and fought McKenzie simply because worked for McKinley.

Even the good old "has beens" are becoming rejuvenated for ex-Councilman John Oliver is a candidate for superintendent of commons. Oliver isn't going to be forgotten yet awhile and he'll give the young fellows quite a tussle. Whittet has the inside track because he's there and his brother Willie is an alderman, but Alex. Mack and Jack Tilton are in the game too, and Charlie isn't any too strong because of his independence while in office.

If his views and those of the committee on commons clashed at any time this year, Charlie invariably followed out his own views.

The fight for presidency of the Common Council is narrowing down to Councilmen Pickering and Walker and will be a most interesting contest. The Walkerites are making a cry against Pickering because he is a first year man, stating that he is making a bid for two years of it. Mr. Pickering's friends however state that their candidate is not out for two years. In this contest, the democrats will hold the balance of power again; more power to them.

Peter Mealey of ward two is one of the few prominent republican hustlers who is not a candidate for anything. He will continue to do the sparrow act in Merrimack square just as if there were not a republican in city hall.

There is some talk of George C. Evans pulling out of the fight for city messenger and jumping in with Cheney and Beals for superintendent of streets. He'd stand a better chance there than in with the 16.

MORPHINE VICTIM

Descendant of Hero Lawrence Dying

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Isaac A. Lawrence, sixty-seven years old, is dying in Bellevue hospital, a victim of morphine. He is a descendant of that Lawrence who epitomized the spirit of the American navy when he said: "Don't give up the ship." He was once wealthy but lost his fortune a few years ago. Two children, aged five and six, have been taken charge of by the Charity Association, on Thirtieth street, while a baby three years old is being cared for by Mrs. Martha Schwartz of No. 142 West One Hundred and First street, formerly employed as a nurse in the family.

An older son, William, eighteen years old, left the Lawrence apartment in No. 109 West Eighty-first street, Wednesday, with his mother, and neither has since returned, although the door of the apartment stands open. Within all is disorder.

Isaac Lawrence was poor during his early manhood. He was left a fortune of $150,000 at the age of forty. Then he married a pretty young woman, who bore him seventeen children, all but four of whom are dead. The living are William, eighteen years old; Laurie, six; Lester, five, and Isaac, three.

He went to Mexico with his bride, made fortunes and lost them, and returned to New York several years ago with a few thousand dollars.

He established his family in apartments at No. 58 West Ninety-third street. They moved to West Thirty-eighth street fourteen months ago, and last October took the flat in Eighty-first street.

Lawrence had not the courage to fight against ill-luck and began the use of morphine.

The Lawrence family had been in the Eighty-first street apartment but a few days when the neighbors noticed their strange life. Miss Burroughs of district No. 7 of the Charity association, was requested to investigate. She found in the Lawrence apartment an extraordinary condition of affairs. The little boys, nearly naked, were playing on a costly Oriental rug, faded and the nap turned, with a broken Sevres vase and silver they had knocked down from the sideboard. The father was lying down half conscious in a morphine stupor, and Mrs. Lawrence was also under the influence of the drug, it is said.

The two oldest children were taken to the institution on Thirteenth street. The youngest was taken in charge by Mrs. Schwartz of No. 142 West One Hundred and First street.

Mrs. Lawrence had mortgaged her furniture to a Lawrence company to get money on which to live. All day yesterday and up to late last night Mrs. Lawrence had not returned to the apartment which she had left the day before.

A GAME SUPPER.

Ex-Alderman Elwin W. Lovejoy entertained a party of friends with a game supper at the St. Charles Hotel last evening, and a merry time was enjoyed.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB.

The Tuesday morning recital is omitted. Wednesday, Dec. 27, choral class. A full attendance is urgently desired.

Monday, Jan. 1 reception and club tea at 3.30 o'clock p. m. There will be short speeches by the officers of the state federation at 4 o'clock, a recital by the Carl Baer quartet, followed by the reception from 4.30 to 6 o'clock. This afternoon is reserved for club members, the holders of transferred tickets, their out-of-town guests and the guests of the club.

Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, recital, composer Mendelssohn.

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2, literature department, Browning class, conducted by Miss Julia E. Ward.

Wednesday, Jan. 3, choral class.

Thursday, Jan. 4, lecture by Hamilton Mabie, subject, "Some Hints from Nature."

The work of the history department, Mrs. F. W. Clark, chairman will begin Monday, Jan. 15th, with a lecture by Miss Anna B. Thompson. Attention is called to the course of historical readings suggested by Miss Thompson and printed on the club calendar.

DEBATERS MET.

A meeting of the Debating club was held yesterday afternoon in Room 20 Lowell High school, and the subject of debate was: "Resolved, that a college situated in the city is preferable to one located in the country." It was a floor debate, the principal speakers being Messrs. Ford, Cutter, Haworth, Goddard and Wright. A large number of old members of the school being home from college during the Christmas holidays. The debate was very interesting as well as instructive.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED.

The Alpine club and Knights of Columbus tournament scheduled for last evening has been postponed to next Friday evening, owing to the many other attractions of Christmas week. The session will be held at the rooms of the Alpine club.

GAMES POSTPONED.

The game scheduled to take place last night at the Y. M. C. I. alleys between Teams Four and Five was cancelled, owing to the non-appearance of some of the rollers. The game scheduled for Monday night will be postponed and played off later in the tournament.

COURT WILL NOT INTERFERE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States Supreme court yesterday announced its refusal to interfere in the case of Edward Clifford, under sentence of death in Hudson county, N. J. for murder committed in 1898. The case came to this court on an appeal from a denial of a writ of habeas corpus by the United States court for the district of New Jersey. Clifford has been under sentence of death three times. The supreme court directed that its mandate issue immediately.

A COSTLY DRUNK.

Thomas Doyle, a young man employed to drive a team by his brother, sold the outfit to an expressman yesterday afternoon for the sum of $10, and got drunk with a portion of the proceeds. While in this condition he was picked up by Officer J. B. Crowley and sent to the police station, where he was booked for drunkenness. Whether his brother will press a charge of larceny remains to be seen.

BETRAYS MOTHER

In Order to Win His Suit

SUED FOR HIS WIFE'S PROPERTY

Claimed His Mother Had Two Husbands

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Canadian, Alphonse Verrault, had to say yesterday in a hearing before John Vincent, as referee, at No. 32 Nassau street, that his mother knew, while she lived in New York as the wife of Norman F. Howe, that her husband was alive in Canada.

Alphonse Verrault had to say this. If he did not say it, Howe's claim that Mrs. Verrault, ignorant that her husband still lived, was his wife in the common-law, and that his gifts to her were in their allied interest would defeat Verrault's suit for the property.

Verrault had to say that she had no illusion of that sort. It had seemed to Verrault a simple thing to say. He had sued Mr. Howe, administrator of his mother's estate, to regain her property for himself and his nephews.

Mr. Howe said: "Neither Mrs. Verrault nor I knew that her husband, Dominique Verrault was alive. We were not married at church, because she was not sure of his death. He abandoned her 35 years ago. Her property was mine. I had given it to her on condition that it would revert to me if she died. We were as husband and wife. Her first husband, her children by her first husband, were not in her mind for an instant."

Mrs. Verrault died in September. Her acquaintances here had known her for 25 years as Mrs. Howe. Mr. Howe obtained letters of administration easily. Alphonse Verrault intervened. He has a power of attorney from his father, Dominique Verrault, and from his late brother, Dominique Verrault, Jr. They are his mother's heirs.

He had to say that his mother deceived Howe expressly, if he was deceived; otherwise his suit would fail.

Verrault's counsel aided him by questions that were leading, that required only a "yes" or a "no." Verrault is not learned; he is not refined in manner. He has a dull face, wider at the chin than at the forehead, and has the air of one who will do what his idea of necessity dictates, come what may.

He hesitated. The question whether he had talked to his mother of her husband in Canada since she called herself Mrs. Howe in New York was put to him in French, in English, in patois of Quebec. He replied to it in his interest, finally. He said yes. But his struggle of filial reverence against interest and, perhaps, hatred of Howe, must have been intense.

Mr. Howe shook his head deprecatingly. He is tall, well built and impressively dignified. He has large, dark eyes under black eyebrows, a close-cropped white beard, a clean-shaven upper lip. He is a retired commission merchant. In his indignant eyes one read easily resentment at the idea that Mrs. Verrault was aware that her husband was living at St. Edward, or at Point Levi, in Canada.

Her son, Alphonse, and his elder brother, Dominique, lived with her here from 1865 to 1875. Alphonse Verrault said he gave to her news of his father in 1882 and several times afterward, in his occasional visits to New York. Mr. Howe looked at him in amazement. He said that Mr. Howe read the letters that the sons wrote to their mother from Canada—letters in which Dominique Verrault, Sr., was mentioned—and replied to them.

Dominique Verrault is 90 years of age. He lives at Point Levi, province of Quebec, in the home of his son, Alphonse.

A notary from there came here to say that the old man was not in his dotage, that he had a good memory and talked logically. The notary, George Simeon Theberge, could not understand English, it had to be translated to him.

He gave a copy of the record made by a priest of the Church of St. Jean Port-Joli, of Dominique Verrault's marriage to Zelie Charron, whom her friends here knew as Zelie Verrault Howe. Mr. Theberge said that Dominique Verrault had never received a notice of his wife's desire to be divorced from him. He wept at the news of her death that the notary gave him.

James P. Nieman is the attorney for Verrault; J. P. Solomon the attorney for Howe. The testimony is to be continued on January 3 at 2 p. m.

HEARTLESS THIEF

ROBBED WIDOW'S HOUSE WHILE SHE ATTENDED HER HUSBAND'S FUNERAL.

When Mrs. Eliza Thompson returned from attending her husband's funeral Thursday afternoon she found a man in her house at 71 Railroad street. He had effected an entrance by means of a duplicate key, according to Mrs. Thompson, and was searching the different rooms for valuables. Mrs. Thompson locked the door and opening the window yelled for assistance. The intruder coolly unlocked the door with his duplicate key and made his escape. After he had gone, Mrs. Thompson investigated to learn if he had taken anything and found a clock missing. She called at the police station and notified the inspectors.

Mrs. Thompson's husband, William, it will be remembered, was the war veteran who dropped dead Wednesday afternoon.

SENATOR FORAKER

SPEAKS ON AUTHORSHIP OF THE GOLD PLANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Foraker in answer to the statements concerning the authorship of the gold plank of the republican platform of 1896, said yesterday:

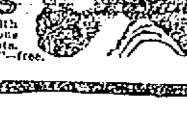
"The statements published by Mr. Payne, Governor Merriam, Senator Hanna and Senator Proctor do not conflict with any statement that has been made by me, neither do they help in any way Mr. Kohlsaat.

"The point in issue was whether or not Mr. Kohlsaat drafted the gold plank and forced its adoption upon the committee. The statements show that he had nothing to do whatever with the framing of that plank except in common with other republicans, and refute his claim of authorship."

REV. FR. GIGEAULT RETURNS.

Rev. Fr. Gigeault, O.M.I. of the Immaculate Conception church, who has been at Hotel Dieu, Montreal, for the past few months has returned to the Immaculate Conception church.

Calender for the year 1900 with a fine picture of the Battle of Manila Bay, which Dewey fought successfully and so bravely, are now being distributed free by J. L. Chalifoux. Call early as the number is limited.



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HELP IT ALONG.

The Salvation Army, as is its custom will furnish a Christmas dinner for the deserving poor of Lowell. Ensign Blackman says he is meeting with glad and generous support from the people in general. Many individuals have made donations of food and already over 250 pounds of meat have been pledged. The First Universalist church has promised 100 pounds of turkey and the Lowell Packing and Provision company has promised 30 pounds and Swift and Bailey have already donated 50 pounds. The army needs about 250 pounds more of meat and all donations should be sent to Ensign Blackman, Army Headquarters, 11 Warren street. The dinner will be served Christmas day from 12 to 3 o'clock. About 600 tickets have been printed and already nearly 600 have been distributed.

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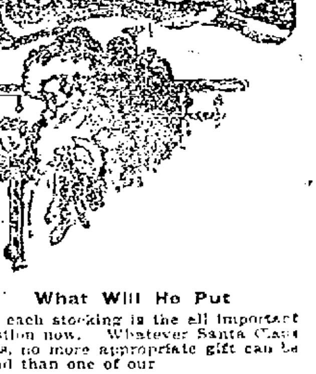

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LAWTON'S BODY

Placed in Paco Cemetery Temporarily

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 22, 12.30 p. m.—General Lawton's remains were placed in the chapel in the Paco cemetery this morning. Private services were held at the residence and the body was carried to the cemetery by members of the general's staff and escorted by Troop I, of the 4th cavalry. Public services will be held later.

ENGINEER KIL

In a Collision Between Two Trains

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22—William Landigan, an engineer of the Lackawanna road, was killed, and his fireman, Herbert Shulte, probably fatally injured in a collision this morning between a passenger train of the Buffalo & Southwestern railroad, and an engine of the Lackawanna at the junction of the two roads in the suburbs of this city. The passengers on the S. western train were badly shaken up, but so far as could be learned, no one was injured.

STRANGER HELD

AT HAVERHILL FOR LARCENY AT PLAISTOW, N. H.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 22.—A stranger giving his name as James Tracey, was yesterday arrested by the police here and will be charged with breaking and entering a store in Plaistow, N. H. He is alleged to have sold several pairs of gloves in this city, which, it is said, were stolen from the store of John Sleeper in Plaistow.

Three other men also thought to be implicated are as yet free.

And now the feminine mind turns to the Merrimack Clothing Co. "Fashion Corner" for the choice styles of men's furnishings.

MOLINEUX TRIAL

EXPERT TOLMAN CALLED AS A WITNESS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Henry S. Tolman, a handwriting expert from Chicago, was called to testify today in the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Kate Adams.

He said he had testified in from 500 to 700 cases in court and had been engaged in the United States service deciphering and deciding on disputed writings. He had at one time been professor of medical jurisprudence in the University of Vermont.

Mr. Tolman said when he was given specimens to work on in this case he made a study of them entirely alone and unaided by any suggestions, not even knowing, he said, whom the prosecution suspected to be the writer of the poison Cornish letters.

When asked by Mr. Osborne to tell the jury in his own way the characteristics found by him in arriving at a conclusion as to disputed writings, the witness told of the striking resemblance in pictorial effect between the writings in the Barnet and Cornish letters and the now admitted writing. He first looked for the peculiarities in these admitted writings and found them to be strong as to muscles but weak as to will power.

Mr. Tolman said, however, that a most striking illustration of fading muscular impulses was to be found in the writing of the defendant's own name. There was a large capital "M", a large "O", and then running out to almost an unintelligible "x."

At this juncture, Mr. Tolman was asked to step from the stand and Mr. Osborne asked permission to allow a clerk of the Lincoln National bank to identify some of Harry S. Cornish's writings. This was allowed and Chas. Elliott Warren took the stand. In answer to questions he said Harry S. Cornish was one of the bank's depositors and had been for a number of years. Cornish was requested to stand up in the court room and was identified by Mr. Warren. He was shown a signature card, required by all banks of its depositors and identified the signature.

When Mr. Osborne offered the signature card in evidence, Mr. Weeks asked permission to cross-examine the witness. It was given and in answer to questions, Mr. Warren said he did not see Mr. Cornish write the signature on the card.

Harry S. Cornish was called up and asked to place his signature on a piece of paper. Mr. Warren was requested by Mr. Osborne to look at him while writing it. The paper was then marked for identification and Mr. Warren testified that he saw Mr. Cornish write it. The signature card previously marked for identification and the signature written by Cornish in court were offered and admitted in evidence as standards of comparison.

Mr. Cornish was again called up and was asked to write before the witness and the jury the contents of Exhibit D the Harpster letter signed "H. Cornish" and Mr. Weeks objected. He was sustained by the court and Mr. Cornish resumed his seat. Mr. Osborne stated that the reason he wanted it done was because Cornish used a typewriter and that there were few specimens of his handwriting in existence. Mr. Weeks here interposed again and called the attention of the court to the fact that the assistant district attorney had suspended the examination of Mr. Tolman for "only a minute" and that he had put this witness, Mr. Warren, on the stand and was examining him exhaustively. The court would not listen to Mr. Weeks' point and Mr. Warren examined and identified a number of H. S. Cornish's signatures.

The three bogus Cornish letters, Exhibits D, E, and G, were examined by the witness and he testified that they were not in the handwriting of Cornish. He also testified that the signature H. C. Barnet on the Barnet letters was not in the writing of H. S. Cornish.

LAWTON'S PROBABLE SUCCESSOR

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is said at the war department that the vacancy in the list of major-generals caused by the death of General Lawton will not be filled until after the funeral services over his remains at Manila, prior to their transport to the United States. It is said among well informed officers of the army here that the appointment will go to either General John C. Bates, Gen. S. M. B. Young or Gen. Lloyd Wheaton. It is also understood that Brig-Gen. A. R. Chaffee who has been chief of staff to General Brooke, commanding the division of Cuba, is likely to be relieved of duty in that division soon and given an important command with the army in the Philippines.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

CONFERENCE HELD

BETWEEN STRIKERS AND LONSDALE CO.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 22.—A conference was held today between the committee representing the strikers and the executive council of the National Federation of Textile operatives and the officials of the Lonsdale company.

The members of the committee admitted that they had not investigated the rates paid by other manufacturing establishments. There are 25,000 of these looms in operation in the country and two thousand are running in New England. The agent suggested to the committee that its members should investigate for themselves the accuracy of their information which they agreed to do.

A general meeting of the striking weavers will be held this evening, when the committee will make its report. Tomorrow the strikers receive their first weekly allowance from the National body.

PLOT TO ESCAPE

NIPPED IN THE BUD BY JAIL OFFICIALS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—Officers at the state prison at Cranston discovered a plot among several of the prisoners to seize the keys and escape from the premises. The plot was discovered by letters on the person of Spike Murphy, one of the most notorious of the criminals confined there. Involved with him were St. Paul Tip, one of the men recently sentenced for participating in the Portsmouth car barn robbery; Lippman, a 23-year man, and a man named Garnett, serving 8 years for forgery. It is believed that all the car barn robbers were interested in the plot and there may have been others also.

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SPEEDY CONVERSION

OF AN ENEMY TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—One of the latest converts to Catholicity in this country is a Methodist minister who had been an A. P. A. lecturer. He is Thomas A. Cella of St. Joseph, Michigan. For the last eight years he has lectured against the Catholic church and the priesthood in many leading cities. About eight months ago while passing through St. Joseph, Mich., to fill engagements in the northwest, he was compelled to stop off on Sunday morning, and he attended services at St. Joseph's church. After the conclusion of the Rev. James J. Gore's sermon, Mr. Cella called at the priest's residence and said he was conscience-stricken because of having spent so many years attacking the Catholic faith, and he wished to be admitted to the church. After six months' instruction from Fr. Gore, the lecturer was finally received into the church. A few weeks ago, Mr. Cella with a class of forty children was confirmed by Bishop Foley of Detroit.

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PRINCE KAWAUAUKA

IS MAKING A VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Prince David Kawauauka, of the royal family of Hawaii, is in this city. He has been visiting his aunt, ex-Queen Liliuokalani, in Washington and is on his way to Honolulu. Since the annexation of the islands he had dropped his royal title and calls himself an American citizen.

"I am not in favor of the resolutions or of annexation," said the young man last night, "but since they are accomplished facts I have turned in with the tide and I propose to make the best of the situation."

Kawauauka was educated in Italy, in addition to having received thorough English instruction on the islands. He speaks English fluently. He is 33 years old. He is with Samuel Parker, once chamberlain of the royal household.

Another traveling companion is Attorney George D. Gear, of Honolulu, an annexationist who had been in Washington looking after some appeals from the Hawaiian supreme court and seeking to have the islands given the right to elect their own judiciary, instead of having the present judges given life terms.

BIG FIRM ASSIGNS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The large dry goods establishment of John M. Conklin & Son of Brooklyn made a general assignment today. The assignee, Edward F. Reagan, said the store would resume business later in the day. The house was established a year ago by John M. Conklin, who died last August. His son, William H. Conklin, has carried on the business since that time. No statement of the assets and liabilities has yet been made.

Joseph A. Bruley of Westford street goes to New York today to be gone until Wednesday.

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SUPREME COURT RENDERED OPINIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States supreme court yesterday rendered opinions in two cases involving private land grants in New Mexico, both opinions being by Justice Peckham. The first case was the claim of S. Ellicott Peabody in the Vallecito grant of 134,000 acres near Ojo Caliente, and the other that of J. Francisco Chavez to a grant of 5,581 acres in Valencia county near Tamcon. Both grants were made by the provincial authorities of New Mexico under Mexican rule and both were declared by the court of private land claims to be invalid on the ground that the granting authority was inadequate. The opinion handed down today affirms the opinion of the lower court and is adverse to the claimants.

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DIST. ATTY. GARDINER INJURED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—District Attorney Gardiner met with an accident last night in his office and as a result he is confined to his apartment today. Col. Gardiner had gotten upon a chair to turn on one of the electric lights when the chair overturned and he fell on his side. The injury was a severe one and he lay in a partly dazed state for an hour before he recovered.

DISTILLERS ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—United States Marshal McCabe this morning arrested Andrew and Elijah Abraham doing business as distillers at 24 Back street, under the name of Abraham Brothers, for violations of the internal revenue laws. The men are charged with having removed tax paid stamps from casks of spirits without destroying the stamps and with having such stamps in their possession.

FORMER WELL KNOWN CAPITALIST ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHETER, N. H., Dec. 23.—A special to this city from Claremont says that a writ has been served by the chief of police on John L. Farwell, ex-president of the defunct Sullivan Institution for Savings and formerly a well known capitalist of Claremont. Mr. Farwell and his friends furnished bonds in $4,000. A writ was also served on John L. Farwell, Jr. The litigation arises out of the failure of the Farwell banks in Claremont four years ago. Action was brought by Lawyer Upham of Boston to recover a claim of Mrs. C. A. Wilson.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph H. Boardman will be pained to learn of his continued illness at his home in Hanks street.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan W. Shaw of Kennebunk, Me., formerly of this city, are guests of their son, W. S. Shaw, of Broadway, during the holidays.

Pocketbooks, Umbrellas, Leather Novelties, etc. Devine's, 83 Merrimack St.

PLATT'S CHATTELS

SEIZED BY SHERIFF IN NEW YORK ON A JUDGMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The sheriff is in technical possession of all the property and effects of the republican state committee in its headquarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Deputy Sheriff George Blun went to the committee rooms yesterday and levied upon the committee's furniture by virtue of an execution issued upon a judgment against Treasurer McAlpin in favor of Edgar M. Franklin, speechmaker and pamphlet writer for $73.20.

As there was no one representing the committee in the rooms when Blun called who could tell him what furniture belonged to the hotel and what to the committee, he levied on everything in sight.

In the meantime Blun is looking for Gen. E. A. McAlpin, the treasurer of the committee, to make a formal demand upon him for the amount of the judgment.

He will also ask the general to tell him where the committee keeps its bank account and what funds are on hand. Arthur Hurst, counsel for Gen. McAlpin and the committee, said yesterday that he would carry the case to the higher courts.

The present judgment is an affirmation by the general term of the city court of the decree of a trial term entered upon the verdict of a jury allowing Mr. Franklin $59 and costs for his services during Roosevelt-Van-Wyck campaign. On the trial of the case Franklin said that the committee had promised to pay him $150 for speeches to be delivered at German meetings and for a pamphlet which he was to write to influence the votes of those following the fortunes of the German-American Reform Union. He said that all he ever received for these services was the sum of $17.

SENATOR ALLEN

POLICE AFTER QUAY'S FOE FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Abraham L. Allen, state senator, school director, prominent anti-Quay republican, Sunday school superintendent and reformer, is being hunted by the Central station detectives, who have a warrant for his arrest, charging him with embezzlement. The amount is variously estimated at from $5,000 to $12,000, representing money retained by him when he was a delinquent tax collector in the employ of the city.

The alleged embezzlement was discovered two weeks ago. Allen is said to have acknowledged to a friend that he needed $5,000 to make restitution. This amount he is said to have obtained, but instead of using it to make his deficiency good he disappeared.

At the home of Mrs. Allen at No. 2113 North Twentieth street, tonight, everything was in confusion. A moving wagon was in front of the door and in the house carpets were being taken up and boxes and trunks stood around in the halls. Mrs. Allen said her husband left town on business about a week ago, and was not expected back for three or four weeks.

Abraham L. Allen is a brother-in-law of Harvey K. Newitt, who is now undergoing a sentence of two years' imprisonment with Ellery P. Ingham in the Eastern state penitentiary. He has always been respected and admired by his neighbors.

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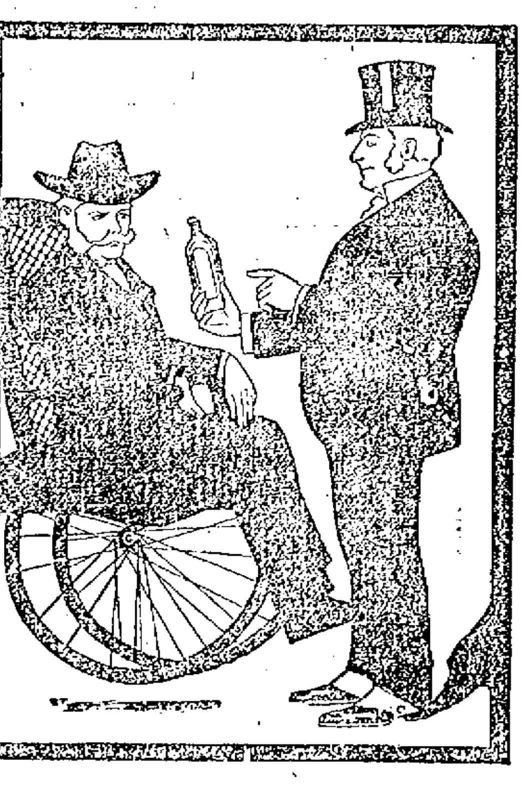

From Yesterday's Late Editions.

SLANDER ALLEGED

Selectman Lewis of Tewksbury Sued

BY A WOMAN OF THAT TOWN

Damages Have Been Placed at $5000

Suit has been brought by Mrs. Vira Moody of Tewksbury against Selectman William T. Lewis of that town in an action of tort the damages being placed at $15,000. The writ is returnable in the superior court next February. Philip J. Farley is the counsel for the plaintiff, but he declined to say anything about the matter for a day or two. The plaintiff, who was seen yesterday morning at her home just beyond the railroad crossing at the almshouse station also peremptorily refused to say anything. She added that there was absolutely nothing to say.

Mr. Lewis was not seen. He had been in the Centre during the morning and had also come in to the city. But he had gone to his home in Hardyville. Several other well-known residents of the town were also seen, but they were not inclined to talk about the matter. All that could be learned was, that the suit is based on alleged remarks attributed to Mr. Lewis and which are claimed to affect the character and standing of the plaintiff in the town. Mr. Lewis did not know what the claim was and communicated with the plaintiff's attorney to find out. He has no recollection of making remarks on which a suit could be based.

The plaintiff is from 55 to 60 years of age and has been a resident of the town for about 20 years. She was at one time employed in the Tewksbury institutions: having a daughter employed there now.

One of the Tewksbury citizens said to a reporter: "Mr. Lewis has an excellent standing in the town and enjoys the confidence of the community. He is not considered a man given to slanderous statements and if there has been any gossip concerning the plaintiff it is thought singular that he should be selected as the one responsible therefor."

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Boston & Maine Railroad

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

In effect October 2, 1899: Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.25, c6.43, *7.45, *8.50, c9.15, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 3.40, c4.00, 4.24, c6.41 p. m.

SUNDAYS, 8.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, c6.46, w6.53, 7.04, *7.20, *7.25, 7.31, *7.45, w*8.00, *8.07, c9.12, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.04, *11.42 a. m.; w12.00, 12.16, w12.45, 1.43, w2.30, c3.03, w3.20, *3.41, w3.55, 4.28, w5.15, 5.22, c5.40, w*6.15, *6.22, 7.00, *7.49, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 7.20, 7.28, w8.15, 8.48, 9.13 a. m., w12.05, w1.05, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w7.24 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.25, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, 10.05, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, w2.30, w3.55, 4.15, w5.15, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, w11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.50, w7.25 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.24 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w6.15, 5.63 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.25, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.52 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w6.15, 6.15, 6.00, 9.15, b11.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.27, 7.25 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.25 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.25, z7.34, 9.59, a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.57 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.25, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30 p. m. for Somersworth and Portland.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.25, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 6.15 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.34 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.25, 8.30, a. m.; 12.05, 5.15, p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast, and Rockland, 8.30 a. m.; 5.15 p. m., ex. Saturday for Belfast and Rockland. SUNDAYS, 6.30 p. m.

For St. John's, N. B., Halifax, N. S., Montreal and Quebec, 5.15 p. m. (6.15 does not connect Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland), on (Mondays, for St. John only) and Thursdays, at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgewick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport and Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland), Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.15 p. m.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, 7.31, *7.48, 11.03 a. m.; 1.43, 4.28 p. m.; SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.26, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer and Way Stations—7.10 a. m.; 12.00, 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.12 a. m.; 1.00, 3.41, 6.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.12 a. m.; 3.41 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.10, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.13, 1.00, *1.40, 3.41, *5.45, 6.27, *8.10, *8.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.00 a. m. (to Nashua only). 3.03 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, 8.10, 8.40 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon and White River Junction, 9.12, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *5.40 (to Franklin only), 6.10, *a8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.40 a. m.; 1.40 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *9.40 a. m.; *1.40, *a8.40 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Jct., Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal, via Central Vermont Line, *9.40 a. m.; *12.12, *a8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air Line, *9.40 a. m.; *a8.40 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *9.10 a. m.; *8.40 p. m. ex. Sat.

References:
*Express. aDaily.
bWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
cVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junction.

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FITS CURED

(From U. S. Journal of Medicine.)

Prof. W. H. Peeke, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any Living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferer who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise anyone wishing a cure to address, Prof. W. H. PEEKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of prayer books, pearl rosaries, cases, sanctuary lamps, statues, pictures and many other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street, opposite post-office. Picture framing done at low prices. New patterns.

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This is the Season for Ball Parties and Weddings

And of course it is quite necessary to have a supply of sweet bread for these occasion, and Peter Watson's, the king baker of the city, is the place to get your Bakery Supplies. There is none better in the city than you can get at

PETER WATSON'S Home Made Bakeries

52 to 60 Charles St.,
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CHRISTMAS FOOTWEAR

What can make a more acceptable or useful present than a pair of comfortable Shoes, Slippers or warm Overshoes?

Men's Leather Slippers, all the new styles, no last season's stock.

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Men's Velvet Embroidered Slippers, new patterns, worked in silk or chenille.

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Women's Felt Romeos, Fur Trimmed in either black, brown, red, drab, or green. These are the celebrated Alfred Dolge shoes and nothing better made.

$1.50

Women's Felt Romeos and Toilet Slippers, both Fur Trimmed and plain.

Prices from 49c. to $1.25

Misses' Felt Romeos, in red or black, Fur Trimmed,

85 cents

Children's sizes in same.

75 cents

Women's Patent Leather or Kid Strap Sandals.

Prices from 49c. to $1.50

Misses' and Children's in same styles at

$1.00 and 85c.

Rubber Boots for men, women and Children. Warm Overshoes for men, women and children. Rubbers of all kinds for men, women and children. See our assortment before making your purchases.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Elaborate Programs in all the Churches

In Carol and Sermon the Beautiful Story of the Nativity Will be Told—Some of the Music to be Rendered

In all the churches of this city the feast of Christmas will be observed with all the elaborateness of yore. In those of the Catholic faith the beautiful story of the nativity will be illustrated by the scenic reproduction of the manger in Bethlehem, known in the Catholic world as "The Crib." The Protestant choristers will relate the story in tuneful carol and anthems In some of the churches the Christmas observance will take place tomorrow, but in the Catholic and Episcopal churches it will take place on Christmas day. The observance begins in the Catholic churches with high mass at sunrise. Then low masses are celebrated hourly until 10.30, when the morning services conclude with solemn high mass. In all churches special and elaborate programs are to be rendered by augmented choirs with orchestral and organ accompaniments, which have been prepared and below many of them are printed, as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

Director Faulkner has arranged a most beautiful program for Christmas which with the fact that Rev. Fr. O'Hearn will then celebrate his first mass in public, will make the last service of the day of extraordinary solemnity. The solos at mass and vespers will be sung by Daniel J. Donohue, Esq., the well known baritone, who though a member of St. Patrick's choir, has not sung in public for some time. The program is as follows:

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.
Prelude .... Organ and orchestra
Gounod's Messe Solennelle (St. Cecelia's)
Veni Creator .... Faure
D. J. Donahue.
Offertorium, Splendente te Domine .. .. Mozart
Quartette—Miss J. Flinn, soprano; Miss O'Hearn, alto; E. F. Faulkner, tenor; Frank McCarty, basso.
Glory to God .... Choir
Postlude .... Organ and orcestra
Vespers, 7.30 o'clock p. m.
Prelude .... Organ and orchestra
Psalms, Domine ad .... Millard
Dixit Dominus .... Millard
Confitebor .... Fisher
Beatus Vir .... Fisher
De Profundis .... Schried
Memento Domine .... Schried
Jesu Redemptor .... Mozart
Magnificat .... Lambillotte
Alma Redemptoris .... Mozart
O, Salutaris .... Fauro
D. J. Donahue.
Tantum Ergo .... Rossini
TeDeum........ choir and congregation
Choir, 40 voices, assisted by Hibbard's full orchestra, E. F. Faulkner, director; M. J. Johnson, organist.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.
Morning.
Asperges .... Witzke
Vidi Aquam .... Gregorian
Introit .... Gregorian
Graduale .... Gregorian
Mass, Solennelle .... Rossini
Offertory, Noel .... Van Reyschoot
Postlude, Date Sonitum .... Costa
Solemn Vespers, 6.30 p. m.
Ps ....Emerick and Sir John Stephenson
Hymn, Jesu, Redemptor .... Gorbet
Magnificat .... Hadyn
Anthem to B. V. M. Alma .....Donizetti
O Salutaris .... Rossini
Tantum Ergo .... Terziani
Hymn, Glory to God ....Robinson
The American orchestra will assist the choir.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
High Mass, 10.30 a. m.

Asperges, Novello; mass (St. Cecilia), Gounod; offertory, "Noel," Van Reysschoot; Veni Creator (adapted) Batisti. Vespers 7 p. m. Psalms: Domine ad, Emmerich; Dixit Dominus, Emmerich; Confitebor, Emmerich; Beatus Vir, Emmerich; De Profundis, Schmidt; Memento Domine Schmidt; hymn, Jesu Redemptor, Mozart; Magnificat in C, Lambillotte; anthem, "Alma," Mariani; "O Salutaris," (from Messe Solennelle") Rossini; Tantum Ergo, Millard.

Chorus of 40 voices, with the regular church quartette; Mrs. Jas. Murphy, soprano; Miss Nano Gallagher, contralto; Mr. T. P. Boulger, baritone; Mr. Jas. A. Murphy, tenor and conductor; Miss C. M. White, organist.

SACRED HEART CHURCH.
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.

First mass of a newly ordained priest. celebrant, Rev. Wm. H. Finnick; assistant priest, Rev. Jos. Mangin, D. D., deacon, Rev. Thos. Murphy, O. M. I.; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Leclair, O. M. I.; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. P. Reynolds, O. M. I.; assistant priest in sanctuary, Rev. Lawrence C. P. Fox, O. M. I.

Musical Program. .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Kyrie .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Gloria .... Millard
Veni Creator .... Lamblotte
Credo .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Sanctus .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Agnus ....
Vesper Service 3 p. m. .... Millard
Domine Ad .... Millard
Dixit .... Est
Confitebor .... Est
Beatus Vir .... Zingarelli
Laudate Pueri .... Est
Laudate Domine .... Gregorian
Jesu Redemptor .... Mozart
Magnificat .... Lambillotte
Alma .... Mercadonti
Ave Verum .... Gueb
Tantum Ergo ....
Mr. John McMahon, tenor soloist; Miss Adelaide Sullivan, soprano soloist and organist.

GRACE UNIVERSALIST.

The pastor, Rev. R. A. Green, will have for a subject, "Christ in the Life of Today." The musical program will be as follows: Christmas pastorale, organ; "While the Stars are Gleaming Bright," Newcomb, quartette; hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story;" "Rejoice O Zion," quartet; offertory solo, for violin, "The Angels' Serenade," Mr Dwyer; tenor solo, from Elijah, Mr. Lon; hymn, "It Passeth Knowledge, That Dear Love of Thine;" "Sing, O Heavens," Berthold Tours, quartet; processional, organ. Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt, soprano, Mrs. Blanche L. Burns, alto; Mr. Osmond Long, tenor; Mr. William H. Palmer, bass; Mrs. Nellie F. Sturtevant, organist and musical director; Mr. J. P. Dwyer, violinist.

St. John's Church.

Chirstmas day and Sunday, Dec. 24, at 10.30 o'clock:

Processional, "Come All Ye Faithful" .... J. Reding
Venite .... J. Stainer
Gloria Petri .... D. Buck
Te Deum, key of A ....John E. West
Benedictus .... C. L. Williams
Introit, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing .... Mendelssohn
Kyrie .... E. J. Eyre
Gloria Tibi .... H. Smart
Hymn, O, Little Town of Bethlehem, ... L. H. Redner
Offertory, The Hallowed Day Hath Shined Upon Us ....J. Stainer
Sanctus .... C. Gounod
Hymn .... Brown
Gloria in Excelsis .... Old Chant
Retrocessional from "The Realms of Glory .... H. Smart
Anthem service, Sunday evening, 6.30 o'clock:
Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful. .... J. Reding
Choral service .... Tallis
Gloria Patri .... Beethoven
Magnificat .... M. B. Foster
Nunc Dimittis .... M. B. Foster
Anthem, The Heavens Proclaim Him, ... L. Von Beethoven
Hymn, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, ... Mendelssohn
Offertory, Ye Shall Go Out with Joy, ... J. Barnby
Recessional, Angels From the Realms of Glory .... H. Smart

FIRST UNITARIAN.

The following musical program will be rendered:

Organ Sonata in C minor Mendelssohn
Sing a Song of Praise" ......King Hall
Quartet.
(a)Recitation, "Comfort Ye," (b) Aria "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," .... From Handel's Messiah
Mr. Edmunds.
Christmas Carol .... Osgood
Quartet.
"O, Holy Night" .... Adam
(Soprano solo and Quartet.)
Postlude .... Guilmant

KIRK STREET CHURCH.
W. A. Bartlett, D. D., Pastor.

It will be Christmas Sunday indeed at Kirk street. The Bulletins will be in the form of a Christmas greeting with halftone pictures of the Madonna, and Del Sarto's Annunciation, distributed morning and evening. The morning sermon, "The Child and the World-Powers." Special music: "All They of Saba Shall Come," Rheinberger; "Before the Heavens," H. W. Parker; "The Birthday of a King," (carol), soprano, Neidlinger; "Behold! I Bring You Glad Tidings," Welland.

The organ recital at 6.45. Pastoral "Hark, What Mean," two mixed quartets and double quartet, Barnby. Song service led by organ, orchestra, Apollo, ladies' and mixed quartets and chorus.

Bohemian Carol, "Come All Ye Shepherds." .... Riedle
Apollo Quartet.
"Holy Night," .... Barnby
Church Quartet.
"A Shining Star," (carol) W. A. Bartlett
Offertory, Cornet and Apollo quartet antiphonally.
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," (carol) .... Redmer
Ladies' Quartet.

"Who Is This So Weak and Helpless?" Leslie, church quartet Apollo, Ladies' chorus and double quartet. Recessional "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Willis, soprano, two mixed quartets and double quartet.

The pastor's prelude, "Stockings and Trees," Sermon, "Magic of the Manger." Everybody welcome. Audience requested to be in their seats early.

Some of D. L. Moody's Favorite Hymns will be sung at the evening service.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.
Christmas Vespers, Four O'clock.

The Men's Social club have arranged for a pleasant Sunday afternoon of song. A specially prepared responsive service, will be used. The following are the special numbers.

Organ Prelude, "Hallelujah," .....Handel
Mr. Solon W. Stevens.
Quartette, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" .... Dow
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Christmas.
Mr. McDaniel, Cornet Accompanist.
Quartette, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," ..... Wallace
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cornet solo, Selected.
Mr. Roscoe McDaniel.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Antioch, Cornet Accompaniment.
Christmas Poem .... Alfred Domnet
Read by the Pastor.
Contralto Solo, "A Dream of Bethlehem," .... Paul Rodney
Mrs. George E. Burns.
Quartette, Selection.
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Rathbun.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CONG.
Christmas Sunday, 10.30 a. m.
Voluntary, Organ and Orchestra.
Invocation.
Doxology.
Hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."
Responsive Reading, Lesson, 15.
Apostles' Creed. Gloria Patria.
Antiphonal Music of Psalm, 24: 1-6.
Chorus and Children's Choir.
Song by the Children, "Hail! Hail! Hail!"
Recitation, "The Babe of Bethlehem."
Charlena Grant.
Scripture Recitation, Luke 2:8-14.
The School.
Nettie Studley.
Solo, "Under the Stars."
Exercise, "Story of a Star."
Primary Class.
Song by the Children, "Silver Bells Ring It."
Prayer.
Scripture Reading, Matt. 2: 1-11.
Exercise, "Wise Men."
Intermediate Class.
Offertory.
Offering Song.
Millie Wentworth.
Chorus and Children's Choir.
Antiphonal Music of Psalm, 24: 7-10.
Sermon, "The Song of the Angels."
Hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings."
Benediction.
Processional.
12 m. Christmas Lesson.

6 p. m. Union Meeting of all departments of the Y. P. S. C. E., subject, "Our Royal Brother."

7 p. m. Illustrated lecture on "The First Christmas," with a large collection of new and beautiful pictures, masterpieces of art.

Monday, 6.30 p. m. Christmas entertainment with Christmas trees and so forth. All children free.

ST. PETER'S.
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.
Organ Processional.
Mrs. John McKennedy.
Kyrie .... Marzo
Gloria .... Marzo
Veni Creator .... Haydn
Credo .... Marzo
Offertorium.
Adeste Fideles.
Sanctus .... Marzo
Agnus Dei .... Marzo
Glory to God.
Solemn Vespers, 7 o'clock.
Domine .... Millard
Dixit .... Millard
Laudate .... Zingarelli
Laudate Dominum .... Est
Hymn, Glory to God.
Magnificat .... Mozart
Alma Redemptoris .... Pleyel
Ave Verum .... Millard
Tantum Ergo .... Rossi
Laudate .... Noel
Choir of [illegible] voices, Mr. C. F. Calnan, director. Mrs. John McKennedy, organist. Special music at 2 o'clock service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Corner of Church and George streets—Smith Thomas Ford, pastor.

The great chorus choir will lead the congregational singing at both morning and evening service and will also render varied and delightful programmes which follow:

MORNING, 10.30.
Organ, "Christmas Prelude," ..... Boget
Mr. A. F. French.
Gloria .... Gregetorex
Anthem, "All Hail the Morn," Sanford
Tenor Solo, "The Christmas Bells," .... Greely
Mr. Oscar W. Walsh.
Quartette, "While Shepherds Watched," .... Herbert
Mrs. Pepin, Miss Reid, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Reid.
Sermon: "The Glory of God."
Anthem, "The Angel's Song," .. ..Gabriel
Sunday school at 12.
Evening, 6.30.
Organ, "Gavotte in E."
Anthem, "A Saviour Which is Christ the Lord."
Soprano Solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," .... Marzo
Mrs. W. H. Pepin.
Quartette, "The Angel's Message" .... Herbert
Soprano Solo, "Night of Nights." .... Van de Water
Sermon, "The Imprint of Heaven."
J. Avison Baker, musical director.

MARRIED BY WIRE

Romantic Event at Winchester, Kentucky

COUPLE HAVE LONG BEEN SWEETHEARTS

The Wire Tolls for Service Cost $26.50

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WINCHESTER, Ky., Dec. 23.—Miss Lizzie Hummons of Winchester and Trooper Samuel Wheeler of the 9th cavalry, stationed at Fort Wingate, N. M., were married yesterday by telegraph. The distance between the points is 1700 miles, and the telegraph companies, to accommodate the young couple, made special efforts and established a circuit. Rev. S. P. Young of Winchester officiated for the bride at this end of the wire and Chaplain Forster of the fort acted in a like capacity for the bridegroom.

Up to a year ago Wheeler lived here. He and Miss Hummons had been sweethearts, but it was not until after he had enlisted in the army and been sent to New Mexico that she promised to become his wife.

Then the difficulty that necessitated the marriage by wire arose. The young woman's father, fearing that Wheeler would not take his daughter for his wife after she had taken the long journey, refused to let her go.

Wheeler tried in vain to obtain a furlough. Finally he confided in the chaplain. The situation was canvassed thoroughly, and after numerous plans were discussed it was suggested by the chaplain, half in jest and half in earnest, that he might be matrimonially joined by means of telegraph.

The young man instantly approved the suggestion and arrangements were made to proceed with the scheme, the bride and her father consenting. Every operator along the line helped to make the ceremony the success it proved to be.

Dr. Young read the brief service and it was flashed over the wire. Then came the chaplain's service on the part of the groom. The father gave his consent and all was over.

The tolls amounted to $26.50. The bride started this afternoon to join her husband.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

Edward W. Clark of Tewksbury Appointed

Edward W. Clark, a well known citizen of Tewksbury, has been appointed a deputy sheriff. The appointment was made yesterday by Sheriff Fairbairn. Sheriff Stiles has been made a court officer.

Col. James H. Carmichael has petitioned to the county commissioners for a pardon for Amibil Souza, a prisoner of the Lowell jail, who is now at the corporation hospital, suffering from scarlet fever. Souza was sentenced to four months in jail and he has served three months of that sentence. Judge Hadley and Probation Officer Tuttle are among the signers of the petition. Souza is now out of danger and will be able to leave the hospital in a week.

NO PRICE FIXED

STATE BOARD COULD NOT SETTLE TROUBLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LYNN, Dec. 23.—The state board of arbitration and conciliation visited Lynn yesterday, and gave a hearing to Co, on a petition of the firm and employes to fix a price list for making a new grade of shoes introduced in the factory.

The firm and shoe workers union and the employes are members of that organization.

The board was in session in the factory from 9 until 10.30 yesterday morning and heard the statements of the workmen and the firm, but was unable to fix a price for the work, as the information at hand was insufficient to warrant it in doing so.

The meeting was adjourned to a future date to enable the firm and the men to get information in regard to the prices paid for the same grade of work in other shoe factories, and as soon as this is done the board will give another hearing and determine a fair price.

The Five Cents Savings Bank is back again on a four per cent. dividend paying basis.

At a meeting of the trustees, recently held, it was decided that the earnings of the bank as well as present financial conditions warrant a return to the old rate, the greater demand for money and the higher rates that have prevailed during the past few months being reflected in increased earnings, which show a safe margin for surplus above the dividend to depositors.

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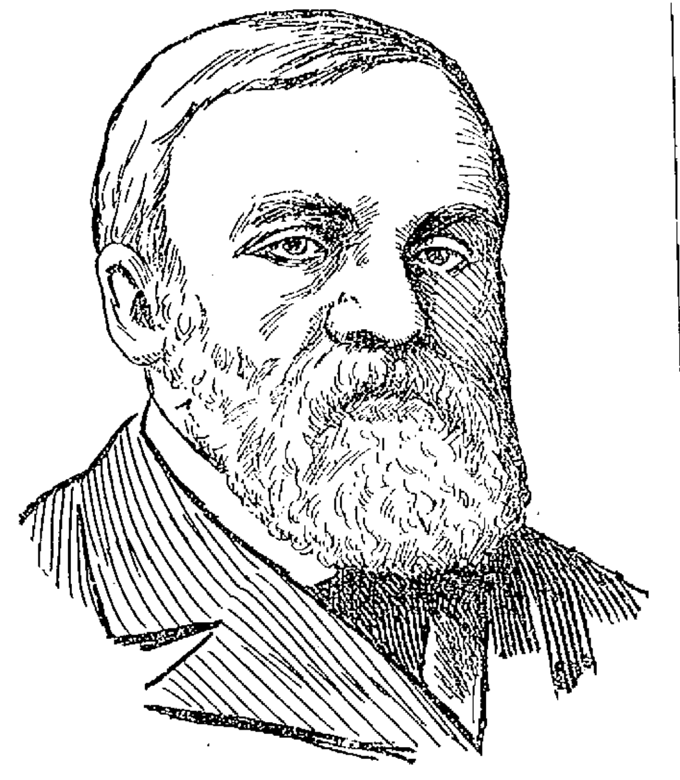

THE LATE DWIGHT L. MOODY.

THE LAST WORDS

Spoken by Dwight L. Moody Before Dying

HE HAD NO FEAR OF DEATH

Remains Will be Buried on Round Top

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Dec. 23.—As the noonday hour drew near the watchers at the bedside of Dwight L. Moody, who passed away yesterday, noted the approach of death. Several times his lips moved as if in prayer, but the articulation was so faint that the words could not be heard. Just as death came Mr. Moody awoke as if from slumber, and said with much joyousness: "I see earth receding, heaven is opening. God is calling me," and a moment later he had entered upon what one of his sons described as a "triumphal march into heaven."

The arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been fully completed; but the services will be held next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Congregational church. The burial will be on Round Top. This is a spot on the seminary grounds near Mr. Moody's home lot, which has been famous in connection with the summer meetings, and on which hundreds of student gatherings have been held, many of them conducted by Mr. Moody himself. On this account it seemed to the family fitting that the burial should be at that spot.

The Northfield, the summer hotel connected with the Moody schools, will be opened for the accommodation of friends coming to attend the funeral services, the hour of holding the latter being governed by the time of the arrival and departure of trains.

All three of the Moody schools are at present closed for the Christmas vacation. Telegrams and other messages of sympathy have been received by the family from friends, admirers of and co-workers with Mr. Moody in all parts of the country.

Dr. Wood says that Mr. Moody did not have the slightest fear of death. He was thoroughly conscious until within less than a minute of his death. Dr. Wood says the cause of his death was heart failure. He adds that the walls surrounding the heart grew weaker and weaker. While it is true that Mr. Moody had symptoms of brights disease a few days ago, his death was due, the physician says, to dilation of the heart. There had been dilation in a gradual way for the past nine years. The family had been told some time ago that Mr. Moody might get out and about, but still he was liable to drop away at any time.

There were present in Mr. Moody's chamber yesterday morning when he died, his wife, his daughter, Mrs. A. P. Fitt, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Moody, Paul Moody, the youngest son; Dr. N. P. Wood and Miss Powers, the nurse. Mrs. Moody has carried herself during the sickness of her husband with the greatest bravery and patience, but when death came she was prostrated. As soon as Mr. Moody's death was known in the village, the greatest sorrow was shown.

FLAHERTY'S FIGHT

Lowell Man Made Game Battle

The Albany Argus gives the following account of the Flaherty-Sullivan fight at Troy, N. Y., Thursday night, when Sullivan knocked Martin out in the 20th round, with but 20 seconds of the round to go:

Spike Sullivan added another knockout to his list Thursday night at the Manhattan Athletic club, Troy, N. Y., and it was the second for the famous Irish fighter this week. Martin Flaherty of Lowell, as game a fighter as ever stood in the squared circle, was his victim this time and when the fatal blow came one minute before the expiration of the 20 rounds, there was a general feeling of sympathy among the 2000 spectators. The bout will go down on record as being the second best in importance and skill to that of the Dixon-McCarthy melee 10 years ago, decided in this section. Had the fight come to a decision, the best that Referee 'Jimmy' Colville could have done would have been to declare it a draw, for although Sullivan cut loose in the last few rounds, yet Flaherty had the advantage of the greater number of the rounds.

"No such fight ever occurred in this vicinity, for two men of the same gait in ring tactics were facing each other. Each was a rough boxer who loved hurricane fighting and was not afraid to bore in for more. In infighting Flaherty had the best of it, as 'Spike' quickly realized but the latter's reach and height stood him in good stead at long range and he resorted to this style the greater part of the time. It was the roughest bout ever witnessed here, considerable wrestling being indulged in, and frequently either man would be thrown forcibly to the floor. Sullivan would make a good catch-as-you-can wrestler, for he used the strangle hold so often, that his adversary's wind was cut off on numerous occasions, and he had to drop to the resined floor.

"There is no more famous boxer before the public today than the man from Ireland, 'Spike' Sullivan, and consequently he was the favorite among the spectators, and in the betting he was a 100 to 60 shot. 'Spike' has a wonderful right arm and he uses it to advantage."

FORTY DROWNED

School Children Go Through Thin Ice

A GLOOM CAST OVER BRUSSELS

The Bodies Recovered From the River

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—Upward of 40 school children were drowned yesterday afternoon in an ice accident at Frelinghum, near the French frontier.

The school children of the district had been given a holiday, with permission to play on the frozen river Lys.

When the merriment was at full height, the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned.

Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing.

The catastrophe spread consternation through the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

CRISP GOSSIP.

"Chris and the Wonderful Lamp," Klaw & Erlanger and B. D. Stevens' new extravaganza, has scored a prodigious hit at the Boston Museum, where overflowing houses have greeted its mirth, wit, magnificent stage settings and John Philip Sousa's bright, graceful and tuneful music with delightful appreciation. The modern stage has not witnessed an equal prodigality of production, not a more powerful appeal to taste for the beautiful. Jerome Sykes, the greatest of American comic opera comedians, has a most congenial role as the Twentieth Century Genie. His grotesque and inimitable drollery makes the fun come fast and furious in every scene.

They will b a special holiday matinee of Sag Harbor at the Park Theatre, Boston, on Christmas day, and on Christmas night the seventy-fifth consecutive performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston will occur. The Twentieth Century performance to be given on the night of January 1 1900, will be a unique affair. The management intend to present to the patrons of the play in this evening a handsome memento symbolizing the exit of the old and the entrance of the new centuries. The one-hundredth performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston occurs on the night of January 15, 1900, and a magnificent souvenir will be given on this occasion. It is to be an exact reproduction in silver of the famous America cup which British yachtsmen have tried for over forty years to wrest from the amateur sailors of the United States. This will be a very beautiful as well as patriotic emblem. This souvenir will be, it is said, the most expensive ever given on a similar occasion in this country.

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MANY LIVES LOST

Rock at Salerno Descends Into Gulf

BRINGS DOWN HOTEL AND MONASTERY

With Several Summer Villars to Destruction

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 23.—A terrible disaster took place yesterday afternoon at Amalfi, a popular tourist resort on the gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappuccini Hotel, slid bodily into the sea, with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capuchin monastery below, the Hotel Santa Catrenia and several villas.

Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived on the scene and begun rescue work.

It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact number.

Amalfi is a town of 7000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains and picturesque rocks. The Capuchin monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Pietro Capuano for the Cistercians, but came into the possession of the Capuchins in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the great rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 230 feet, contained fine cloisters and a charming veranda, and offered magnificent points of view.

In the 12th century the sea began gradually to undermine the lower portion of the town and a terrible flood in 1343 proved still more disastrous.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Lawrence Sun: The latest and laughable theory concerning the Sunday closing edict is that Mayor Eaton intends to run next fall as the law and order candidate, and expects to gain enough popularity by the latest move to overcome the adverse majority of two weeks since.

Portland Express: England is just beginning to realize the size of the contract which she has undertaken.

Springfield Union: If Aguinaldo could only have consulted with Sitting Bull, Geronimo and the Apache Kid he might have obtained some very excellent suggestions on the art of dodging United States troops. But they would all inform him that while they succeeded for a time the ending was always the same.

Norwich Record: Grand opera has opened in New York. The twentieth century and the Schley-Sampson controversies may now be shelved temporarily.

Hartford Times: "Mr. Dooley's" summary of President McKinley's policy toward "the colonies" fits it "like the paper on the wall." Here it is: "As f'r our newly acquired possessions 'tis our intintion to give them a form iv government suited to their needs, which is small, an', in short, to do as we blamed please with them, makin' up our minds as we go along."

Fall River Globe: Wall street has been copying the practice of the department stores in having a bargain counter this week to attract custom.

New Bedford Standard: Of the increase of wages in the southern cotton mills it is observed that "it is another clear case of the north and the south shaking hands over the old chasm." Where the handshaking comes in it is difficult to see. In both sections the advance has been a matter of necessity rather than of good will.

Brockton Times: Isn't Germany somewhat premature in raising her flag in Samoa before the treaty for the partition of the islands has been ratified by this country?

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MR. J. L. WHITNEY

Appointed as Librarian of Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The trustees of the public library yesterday afternoon elected Mr. Jas. L. Whitney librarian of that institution, a position which he has practically filled since the resignation of Mr. Putnam last April when the latter accepted the position of librarian in the congressional library at Washington.

This ends a matter over which there have been all kinds of speculation during the past eight months and sets at rest many fears that were entertained by the employes of the library—that an outsider would be called in.

Rumors have been current for some time that a librarian would be selected at yesterday's meeting as it has been known that many of those who might be considered competent to take charge of the greatest library in America have been under consideration by the board of trustees for months.

A bibliography of Mr. Whitney's library publications embraces the following works: "The Ticknor Catalogue of Spanish Literature together with the collection of Spanish and Portuguese Literature in the General Library," mentioned above; a catalogue of town libraries; a Catalogue of the bibliographies of special subjects in the Boston Public Library, with an index to notes upon books and reading to be found in library catalogues. "A Modern Proteus; or a list of Books Published under more than one title;" a catalogue of the library of J. Montgomery Sears, including the poetical library of Ferdinand Freligrath; and "Considerations as to a printed catalogue in book form for the Boston public library," read at the meeting of the American Library association at Atlanta, and to be published in the annual report of the library for 1898-99.

Mr. Whitney's associations outside the library are few. He is a member of the Bostonian society, which he has long served as chairman of its book committee and a member of the American Library association, of which he has been some time treasurer and chairman of the committee on finance. He was one of the delegates of the association at the international convention of the American and British associations in London in 1897.

For about 20 years, after coming to Boston, his home was in Concord, in the affairs of which, as all good Concordians do, he became much interested. He was for eight years (1879-1887) chairman of the school board, and at the same time served as secretary of the library committee of the excellent Concord free library. For the centennial celebration of the Concord Fight, he prepared a useful monograph comprising a bibliography of the literature of the 19th of April, 1775-1875. From Concord he moved to Cambridge, and there he has since resided with his sister in a quiet, serene home—for he is a bachelor.

The above is the record of a full, busy and useful life, not pushing or self-seeking but not the less quietly progressive. There are not a few excellent citizens of Boston who would be glad to see this sort of unobtrusive ability recognized by a deserved call to the head of the institution so faithfully served.

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NEW FIRE COMP'Y

Will be Organized at Dracut

BY YOUNG MEN OF THE TOWN

New Mill May be Erected at Collinsville

BY AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY

Other Interesting Items of the Suburb

The Navy Yard for the first time in 15 years is without a fire company, but it will not be so very long, for a number of hustling young men of the village are going to get together and organize a company that will be a credit to the members and the village. The organization will be named the Bachman Hose company, the same as the one that has just passed out of existence.

The original Bachman Hose company was formed about 15 years ago and it was a worthy organization, too. A sufficient amount of money was raised by popular subscription and a hose carriage was purchased. This company did notable service at the fires that visited the village, but about three years ago there was a little trouble in the mill, which resulted in a strike. The strikers were victorious, but their victory was short-lived, for within four months the mill officials got back at the operatives in great style. All those who were believed to have taken a hand in advocating the strike were thrown out of employment and blacklisted. The mill officials went further than this. They intended to have everyone who took a hand in the strike wiped out of the village. A majority of the members of the hose company were among the strikers and for spite, the mill people, who, by the way, own the shed that houses the hose carriage, and also, it is said, have a mortgage on the carriage, disbanded the company and formed a new one, which from the very start, proved a most farcial organization, and the members seldom attended a fire in a body. They have been severely criticised time and again, but it was not until The Sun got after them that they threw up the sponge. They disbanded a couple of months ago and a better thing never happened.

Now it is up to the young men of the village to organize a company to succeed the worthless one that has just passed out of existence. Why doesn't someone call a meeting and then perfect an organization? The village should not be without a fire company. The apparatus is all right and why not have men to use it?

Frank Dudley of the Navy Yard, who has been working in Ashland and Penacook, N. H., has accepted a position in the Middlesex mills at Lowell.

James Mooney of Collinsville is rapidly recovering from a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia. He is now out of danger, although a week ago little hope was entertained for his recovery.

Patrick Banks of the Navy Yard, who has been confined to his home for several days with a severe cold, is able to be up and around again.

Mr. John Crowley, boss gigger in the Baltic mills of Enfield, N. H., who has been visiting in town, has returned to Enfield.

An exciting basket ball game was played at Scully's hall Wednesday night between the two basket ball teams recently formed at Collinsville, and known as the Shamrocks and Gladstones. An exciting game was played and the Gladstones were victorious by a score of 4 to 2. The teams lined up as follows:

Gladstones	Shamrocks
P. Meade, r. g.	r. g., Nolan
J. Laffey, f	f, J. Meade
J. Burke, c	c, J. Marley
J. Rogers, f	f, McDonald
F. Kiernan, lg	lg, M. Meade

Timekeeper, John Carrick; referee, Thomas Scully.

The basket ball teams will hold a dance and basket ball game New Year's night at Scully's hall, and the affair is expected to be a success. A good game will be played, and dancing will follow.

A new machine shop has been erected at the American Woolen company's mill in Collinsville, and it is rumored that it is the intention of the company to erect another mill at Collinsville, instead of at Concord Junction, where they originally intended to erect one. The rumor has not been confirmed, however, and it may not be true, yet it is said a number of men looked over some of the company's property early in the week and made measurements. What the object of this was is question.

The large barn formerly used by Michael Collins when he was in control in the village, is being repaired.

The post office at Collinsville has changed hands again. John J. Kiernan has gone into his new store and has been suceeded in the old one by Charles E. McCarty, formerly paymaster at the mill, and one of the best known citizens of Dracut. Mr. McCarty will be acting postmaster, the real postmaster being Michael Collins. Mr. McCarty will also conduct a grocery business and he will undoubtedly meet with great success in this line.

It is rumored that the boss weaver, Fred Teal, and the boss carder, Mr. Leonard, will soon sever their connection with the Collinsville mill.

The new house being erected on Lakeview avenue in Collinsville for the boss spinner, is rapidly nearing completion, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of January.

About sixteen Armenians are now working in the mill at Collinsville. They came from the Washington mills of Lawrence which is also controlled by the American Woolen company, and are all employed in the card room. Strange to say, they don't live at Collinsville, but have taken houses at the Navy Yard, doing the "tramp the road" act to and from Collinsville morning and night. More of these foreigners are expected.

Mr. Felix Englesby of School street the Navy Yard, met with a severe accident while at work in the dye house at the Faulkner mills in Lowell last Monday. He got his right hand caught in a gear in some unexplained way and one of the fingers was badly torn, and as a result he will not be able to resume his work for a number of days.

George Harrison of the Navy Yard will spend Christmas at his home in Newton. He has been stopping at the home of his uncle, Joseph Ferris, for several months, being employed in the Lawrence hosiery. He will return to the town after Christmas.

Christmas will be observed at the Centre church Sunday morning. A choice program has been prepared by the superintendent, Mr. Calvin Richardson, and the musical director, Mr. Warren Hamblett. Two compositions of Mr. Wm. H. Hallowell will be sung by the choir with violin and organ accompaniment. An address by the pastor, Rev. F. L. Kelley, and several readings and an exercise, "The Light of the Ages," will be given by the young ladies of the Sunday school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Ladies' Aid Society met in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon, to make final arrangements for their annual fair, which will be held the second week in January. Mr. Calvin Richardson has general charge and chairman of decorations. Mrs. Walter Harvey is chairman of the executive committee, Mrs. George Fox, chairman of the cake table; Miss Annie Richardson of the Italian table; Mrs. Nute Clout, handkerchief table; Mrs. John Peabody, apron table; Mrs. Hallowell, doll table; Mrs. Bernice Parker, ice cream. Each committee has an able corps of assistants.

The sick about own are improving and every one is rejoicing over our lovely weather and pray for a continuance of the same.

John Burke has been made captain of the Gladstone basket ball team of Collinsville and Michael McNamara will act as manager. Martin Meade has been appointed captain of the Shamrocks, the other basket ball team.

Charles Horman of Collinsville, who has been ill for several weeks, has fully recovered and is now able to be about again.

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THE $300 PRIZE

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As already stated in these columns the first prize of $300 in the convent bazaar of the Immaculate Conception parish was won by the young son of Mr. Hertel of the Rosenthal Manufacturing company in New York city. Mr. Hertel has written the following letter of acknowledgment and returning $25 of the amount:

Rosenthal Manufacturing Co.
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New York, Dec. 15, 1899.

To Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O. M. I., Lowell, Mass.:

Dear Rev. Father: I beg to make grateful acknowledgment of your check which has been placed to my son's credit. The enclosed sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, kindly apply to the fund for which the bazaar was held, and if you should ever have occasion for another bazaar, please command me. Hoping you will have a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Truly yours,
M. J. HERTEL.

The second and third prizes, $200 and $100 respectively were won by local parties.

MACK VS WHITETT

THE FUN BEGINS IN THE COMMONS DEPARTMENT.

The following communication will be better understood if it is remembered that Mr. Mack is a candidate for Mr. Whittet's position:

Editor of The Sun:

Dear Sir: I understand that it is being denied that Superintendent Whittet of the commons department took the keys from me which I had carried since I was appointed assistant. Now, Mr. Editor, for the benefit of all who are interested, I want to say that he demanded the keys on Thursday morning, December 14. I gave him all the keys I had, belonging to the department. When I gave him the keys I asked him if that meant that I was discharged. He said it did not. I have not been allowed to use a team nor have I been allowed to give the men any orders since that date.

ALEXANDER MACK.

DR. THOMPSON

WRITES OF THE PHILIPPINE AND THE BOER WAR.

Dr. Thompson of Moxie fame is an inveterate foe of wars of conquest and is equally opposed to our war in the Philippines and England's war in South Africa. As the subjoined letter will show, he is a great admirer of Senator Hoar:

Editor Lowell Sun: Senator Hoar reiterates the doctrines of God and His humanity once again to the hypocritical gang who still plead the introduction of Christian civilization by force as an excuse for robbery of the helpless. Not only did Christ denounce this, but the divine law of heaven settled it as hypocrisy ages ago. From the first, liberty and a fair opportunity for every one was thundered from the great throne to all the worlds. As the worlds and all their mission were within the domain of natural law, so was the living intelligence of the human intellect held as answerable to the moral law. Was man created a machine like the inert matter placed beneath him for his support? No. Every atom that lives tells us no. Has he been physically restrained from doing evil? Has he been compelled to do right? Neither. Why? He was endowed with progressive instincts which called for unfettered power of development. His nature, instincts, intelligence and natural education taught him good and evil. The progress of the billions that have preceded him has told him of God's unfettering law of moral agency that carries liberty to all the worlds that live. Of that excellence of moral development, peace, humanity, prosperity, love, kindness, always within his reach, either above or in community, so excellent and conducive to justice and humanity. "All men were created free and equal, were endowed by their Creator with certain inherent and inalienable rights: that among these are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," was written before the ages had begun to toll. "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," was as authoritative as a means as is the divine law. Liberty is a divine element, born ere the worlds began. It gives the helpless to slaughter for political advantages—never. It destroys the protectors of homes and firesides—never. It robs the industrious of their hard earnings that the pirate may live in luxury and ease without toil—never. Pray, tell me of this insatiable one who constructively accuses God of treason when his laws would protect the poor and defenceless? It is a remarkable element to be born in the nineteenth century. Must there be another conflict in defence of natural rights? Mr. Hoar seems to be dealing with the air. What is this new kind of treason that compels us to defend God—the old flag of liberty and the honor of the republic.

Africa, but just done with the means of anguished mothers whose sons made slavery profitable, now clenches her hand again in defence of her natural rights, because she is again assailed by this higher civilization that says it is better that the pilgrim who gives thanks to God humbly before he steps and for the coarse food in difference to liberty from a barren and desert home. Christ drove the usurers from the temple. May not a godly, just people defend themselves?

Respectfully,
A. THOMPSON.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUBBARDSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—The town authorities are all at sea in their attempts to fathom the mysterious murder of Asa Bennett, one of the most prominent citizens of this place, early last evening. Although the police have been investigating the case thoroughly up to noon today no clue whatever had been found. Considerable effort has been made to locate some suspicious looking tramps, who were seen in the vicinity during the past few days, but none have been found as yet. The murderer crushed Mr. Bennett's skull and afterwards attempted to burn the house. The victime was 80 years of age.

RUN ON THE BANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 22.—There was a heavy run on the Portland Savings bank today and thousands of dollars were withdrawn.

THE OLD COUNTRY

Large Amount of Money Sent Abroad

MOST OF WHICH GOES TO IRELAND

Money Sent to Philippines and Cuba

It would seem that the times of prosperity are coming again to see the large amounts of money and presents that are being sent to foreign countries. At the post office, banks and draft agencies throughout the city there has been a large demand for money orders, drafts and checks to be sent to foreign countries. The majority of the money goes to Ireland and England, but other parts of Europe and even Asia and Africa get considerable money.

The general Christmas rush to forward money to the old country starts about the first of December and continues right up to Christmas Day, although the bulk of the money was sent last week so that it would reach its destination by Christmas time.

The majority of the foreigners who have moved to this city from their native land, send home money to their folks around Christmas time.

At the post office, one of the money order clerks stated that they have issued a very large number of money orders, a great deal more than last year at this time. Last week three hundred foreign registered letters were sent out, showing an increase of two hundred and fifty letters over an ordinary week. The majority of these international money orders go to Ireland and England, but quite a number go to Sweden, France, Austria China and Turkey. Registered letters and money orders have been sent to the Philippine Islands and Cuba during this month. The amount of money sent out from the local post office to foreign countries during last week was in excess of three thousand dollars, and domestic money orders amounted to over twenty-five hundred dollars.

A large amount of boxes and packages have also been sent through the local post office bound for the old country and other foreign ports.

Mr. Dennis Murphy, the well known ticket agent, says that his draft business this year was a great deal larger than that of last year at this time. The majority of his checks have gone to Ireland but a good many also have been forwarded to Austria, Russia and to Sweden.

The Traders' National bank has issued a much larger number of foreign drafts this year than they did last year. They have money order correspondents in London, Berlin and Stockholm to whom they have forwarded a very large number of money orders and checks. This bank has issued a number of money orders for Greece, Armenia and Turkey, which goes to show that the representatives of those nations in our city send a present home to the old folks.

At the American Express Co., the amount sent across the water this Christmas has been three times that of previous years. The form of order they send is called a foreign remittance check. The majority of their checks were for Ireland, England, Sweden and France.

Mr. J. F. O'Donnell of Market street also reports that the business this month in the issuance of foreign drafts and checks has been far in excess of last year at this time. The majority of his orders have been to Ireland although a good many of them have been sent to England, Scotland and Wales.

BASKET BALL

The best basket ball game seen here this season will undoubtedly be played Monday night when the Burkes and the P. A. C. come together at Associate hall. This will be the second meeting of these teams this season, the Burkes winning the first game by a close score. Monday night's game will also be a close one.

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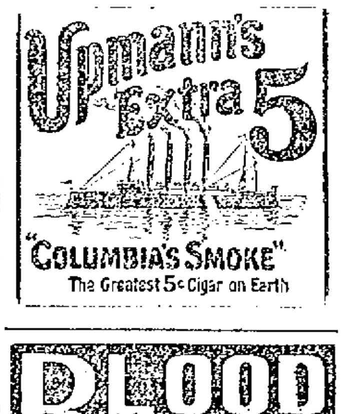

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ABSENT MINDED

Casey Forgot to Eat and Sleep

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Read the story of Casey, the absent-minded man. Thomas Casey, aged thirty-nine years, married, No. 348 First avenue, the records describe him. For four months now he has been trying to get rid of absent-mindedness, but to no avail. He can't stick to one thing for five minutes.

It was in August last that the authorities first heard of Casey. He walked into Manhattan hospital as calm as you please, but for the life of him he couldn't remember his name or where he lived. Next day it all came back to him and they started him home. Then he forgot to go home and turned up again at the hospital, smiling and apparently perfectly well. But next day he was in a delirium and it took a month to cure him.

Then he was sent home again, but the absent-mindedness was as bad as ever. He is a paver by trade, and when he went to work he was apt to forget to pound the paving blocks till the foreman went after him. Then he used to remember and begin to pound again.

His forgetfulness grew worse. He would start out in the morning, perfectly well physically, and meaning to go right to his work, yet forget all about it. He was just as apt to end up on a doorstep absorbed in a newspaper, all thoughts of work having vanished. When he sat down to his meals he forgot all about them and often began undressing under the impression it was bedtime. If he took a bath he started to drink the water, forgetting all about his bath.

At last his forgetfulness completely took possession of him. He forgot to eat, to sleep, to drink, to speak. He was sent to the Presbyterian hospital Dec. 8th and yesterday he was transferred to the insane pavilion at Bellevue.

Unless friends go to his aid he will be sent to Ward's Island in a few days to see if he can't be cured of his absent-mindedness.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 23.—William O'Brien, the burglar who was shot and captured by Patrolman Stephen Ryan of Station 3 on the east side on the night of December 11, was tried before Judge Sweetland in the district court on a charge of breaking and entering in the night time the residence of Rev. Thomas M. Clark and stealing from Miss Mary Sturtevant, slippers, gloves and a few small articles. O'Brien was not attended by counsel but heard the evidence of a few witnesses. He did not cross-examine either witness. He was adjudged probably guilty and bound over to the grand jury without bail.

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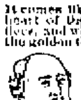

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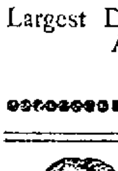

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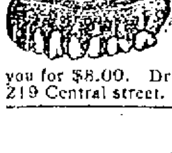

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CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 68-3.

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George Francisco, 201 Dutton street, is going to close out all his stock of confectionery and fruit, bananas, oranges, nuts and all of his stock at cost prices, as he intends to move Dec. 27. Be sure and call for bargains.

FINED $10.

Jacob R. Smith was arraigned before Judge Hadley in police court Friday afternoon charged with driving a lame horse. He was fined $10. Mr. Smith had been warned by Agent Richardson that his horse was not fit for service, but he paid no attention to the warning.

LUCKY JOHN.

Mr. John P. Breen, the well known section hand in the ingrain weave room of the Lowell Manufacturing co., was agreeably surprised at the closing hour last evening. Mr. John McMahon, in behalf of the weavers on Mr. Breen's section, presented him a gold watch and chain. The recipient responded in a neat speech, in which he thanked all his weavers for the gift they had presented to him.

ERIE DECLARES DIVIDEND.

Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company have declared quarterly dividend No. 65 of 1 1-4 per cent; Wisconsin Telephone company dividend No. 70 of 1 3-4 per cent., and the Michigan Telephone company dividend No. 62 of 1 1-4 per cent.

The directors of the Erie Telephone system have fixed permanent dates for future payments of quarterly dividends, namely: The second Monday of January, April, July and October, to business on the last day of December, March, June and September.

The stockholders closing on the last mentioned days and opening on the day the dividend is paid.

LOWELL MEN IN TROUBLE.

The Nashua Telegraph remarks:

Whether those young fellows who late Thursday night drove away from in front of a Canal street saloon with a team belonging to two business men of Lowell, will be arrested under the charge of horse theft, simple larceny or for being simple, everyday drunks City Marshal Eaton is not saying. He is, however, hoping to gather them within the fold before long. Thursday evening, as is claimed to have been the case on former occasions this year, a party from Lowell, unable to await the coming of May and license, drove to this city with a small, spirited horse, a common, covered milk wagon and thirsty throats to make some purchases. Among their purchasers, all of which will probably be reckoned up in the expense account as refreshments, were two jugs brimful of whiskey and numerous bottles of beer. After securing the whiskey and the beer the stuff was placed in the wagon and the owners remained in the saloon to sample the remaining stock that they had not purchased. They had a jolly time and doubtless did not notice how quickly the time was passing. When they finally decided to return home, they went to the door but were startled to find that their team was missing. The police were notified and a search instituted for the property.

After several hours of weary waiting word was received that the team had been located somewhere near Robinson's Grove. The wagon was all right and the horse was all right, but that which the owners had hopefully expected to take back to the Spindle City with them was gone. There was no whiskey and there was no beer. The robe was found at a considerable distance from the wagon.

The young men whom it is suspected drove off the team could not be found and they have not been seen since. It is said that there were enough refreshments to entertain a very jolly company for a long time.

After being recovered the horse and wagon were taken to Lewis' stable on Railroad Square where they were cared for until a seasonable hour today when the owners returned to their down the river home sadder yet wiser men. Now by this loss, Christmas will not be as jolly as it might have been in Lowell this year.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET

SOME DEPARTMENTS LEFT IN HANDS OF DEPARTMENT CHIEFS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—Following the resignation of the Austrian cabinet, headed by Count Manfred Clary, in consequence of the blockade of parliamentary business resulting from the persistent Czech obstruction Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed Dr. H. Von Wittek, who was minister of railways under Count Clary, to be president of the council. The portfolio of national defence is entrusted to Count Welsersheimb, who was charged with the same duties in the Clary cabinet and that of commerce to Dr. F. Stibral, who thus continues at his former post.

Dr Von Chlendowski is designated a minister without a portfolio. The other departments are left in the hands of the various department chiefs.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

CORRECT REPORT

Strong Temperance Law Advocates Make Reply

TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

On Matter of Temperance Educational Legislation.

Stronger temperance educational laws are being sought by a combination of church and temperance societies as has been reported from time to time in The Sun. Recently the committee on educational progress of the State Teachers' Association investigated the matter and submitted a report which didn't quite suit the stronger law advocates. As a result the following reply has been issued:

The report of the Committee on Educational Progress to the State Teachers' Association on Dec. 1, 1899, as published in the papers contains statements that call for correction.

This report says that the hearing given by the legislative committee on education in the Massachusetts legislature last winter to ungranted petitions for a stronger temperance education law.

"It was clearly seen that not only educators but the leading temperance people of all professions were heartily opposed to the desired measure" that "the measure proposed was drastic in every particular with the exact requirements and heavy penalties," an attempt "to subvert and degrade the schools."

The report further says, "Those who had hitherto believed in the honesty of the petitioners were sadly shaken in their faith, when, after so signal a defeat, the petitioners sent out broadcast a printed report in which they claimed victory."

All this is utterly misleading. The movement referred to originated with the May, 1898 meeting of the Massachusetts State Association of Congregational churches, who instructed their temperance committees to petition the next legislature for a stronger temperance education law. Committees and representatives of sixteen different religious denominations, philanthropic societies and organizations united with the Central Committee in this petition. Efforts to belittle the sincerity and intelligence of these petitioners are useless. Their petition stated just what its signers wanted and asked for, viz: "strengthening amendments," including what the present temperance education law lacks, "needed specifications" and such "just and adequate penalties for non-enforcement," as would secure the temperance education which the law of fourteen years standing requires for every pupil in our public schools.

The further charge that "the measure proposed was drastic, exacting etc." could not seem much to one who wants the present law enforced. It asked for a definite place in the course of study. From the following extract from the petitioners' report it will be seen that all they ask for at the utmost was "100 graded text books lessons in the whole subject of physiology and hygiene including the temperance matter, to be distributed through six years at the rate of thirty lessons a year, with oral instruction for all pupils in the primary grades. The distinctive temperance teaching thus implied in the primary grades estimated on the average length of primary lessons, would not amount to over an hour and a half a year and not more than three hours a year in the grades above the primary. All the rest of the study is hygiene and sanitation with physiology enough to make it intelligible. No one who wants the instruction given at all could claim that this is an extravagant amount on those vital topics. From 500 to 900 text book lessons in less important studies like geography are often given in the same period.

Such provisions could not reasonably be called "drastic" and would not "subvert or degrade the schools," but warn the scholars from habits that lead to degradation.

As to the proposed penalty of a fine upon school committees who refuse to comply with the requirements of the existing law, it has never been deemed a degradation to the school committee of Massachusetts that they are now subject to a penalty of $100 for failure to provide certain sanitary provisions required by law. Why would they be more degraded by a fine only one-fourth as large for refusing to comply with the law requiring them to provide for education in the laws of health including those which relate to the use of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics.

No fine was ever proposed or thought of for teachers. They are not to blame when the present temperance education law is not enforced. The responsibility rests with the school committees and school officers who do not order a place in the course of study for enough lessons to cover the topic, with examinations or tests for promotion, and do not furnish text books adapted to grades for this as for other studies. When they do this, the study instead of being a burden to an over-crowded curriculum and teacher, becomes a part of the regular school work cheerfully done, resulting in great good.

Precisely similar provisions have been in successful operation for years in other states.

The statement that "after so signal a defeat, the petitioners sent out broadcast a printed report in which they claimed a victory" failed to specify in what respect this was claimed. The defeat of the Myers bill was the victory claimed as is shown by the following passage from the report of the Massachusetts Central Committee. After reviewing the fruitless efforts to reach a basis of unity with the educational opponents, this report says:

"As the discussion at the hearing proceeded, the opponents freely admitted that it was their intent to present the Myers bill which provided for the practical repeal of the present statute even if we had made no effort to secure a stronger law. Thus the battle would have been inevitable, and our aggressive policy has proved to be the only safe defensive course we could have pursued to preserve our present law. Viewed from that standpoint, in the defeat of the Myers bill we have secured an important victory, although we must wait a little longer for that much-needed stronger law.

It was therefore the defeat of the Myers bill only that was claimed as a victory, and to impugn the "honesty of the petitioners" in their distinct statement of their meaning in this matter is hardly just.

We cannot believe that the high-minded, truth-loving teachers of our state would have accepted this report of their committee on educational progress or allowed its publication with its reflections upon a large body of honorable citizens of this commonwealth if they had had before them or in mind the actual statements of the report of the Massachusetts Central Committee.

In behalf of the petitioners for the stronger law,

REV. CHAS. L. MORGAN, D. D.,
Chairman Mass. Central Committee and Chairman of Temperance Committee for Mass. State Association of Congregational Churches last year.
REV. ALBERT H. PLUMB, Chairman Executive committee.
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MARY A. LIVERMORE, Honorary President Mass. Women's Christian Temperance Union.
ROBERT H. MAGWOOD, Supt. of Temperance Mass. Christian Endeavor Union.

SMOKE ORDINANCE

SPRINGFIELD CITIZENS WANT TO ABATE FACTORY SMOKE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 23.—Several prominent business men of this city are interesting themselves in the matter of gaining passage of a city ordinance which will abate the factory smoke nuisance in this city. Among them are ex-Alderman Lewis F. Carr and D. B. Wesson. It has been decided that a petition shall be circulated and that it shall be presented to the new city government early in the next month. Wednesday night the petition had not been started but it will be very soon.

A well known manufacturer of the city said Wednesday night that he would sign the paper and more than that, he would almost immediately order a smoke consumer for his plant; he is only waiting to discover what sort of consumer is best adapted for his chimneys. It was said that the persons interested had found nearly a dozen cities in this part of the country which enforce smoke ordinances, compelling manufacturers to use the consumers on their stacks. There are about a half dozen patterns of consumers on the market, no style is very expensive and all do their work well.

D. B. Wesson thoroughly believes that factories should not annoy the public and some time ago he purchased consumers for the Smith & Wesson pistol shops. His smoke consumers do away with nine-tenths of the smoke and are entirely satisfactory.

The matter has been discussed by the Springfield improvement association and directors of the board of trade have taken a lively interest. It was thought best several years ago to let the matter lie over for the city council of 1900. The petition will probably be put in the shape of resolutions, which will say that it is for the best interests of the city that an ordinance be framed which will compel manufacturers to comply with a rigid smoke law.

CYCLE NOTES

Two items are necessary to prevent side slipping— a well inflated tire and even pedalling.

The proper way to clean the frame of the wheel is to wipe it with a soft sponge and dry it with a soft cloth.

The International Cycling association has awarded the world's championship races to France for 1900. The races will be held in Paris and between $30,000 and $40,000 will be offered in prizes.

A wheelman who continues to use his bicycle after a ball is broken is foolish. If the ball is not removed soon after breaking, it will cause a grinding noise, which is an indication that the cones and cups are being worn out.

A tight chain makes the work of driving the wheel difficult.

A tire that is well inflated is a tire which presents less surface at the point of contact with the ground, and as is readily understood has a much firmer grip on the road.

A three-mile race between a bicyclist and a gasoline motor carriage was run at the Kewanee, Ill., fair grounds recently. It was a half mile track and the motor vehicle lost at the turns.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

MERRIMACK VALLEY BAPTISTS HONOR REV. MR. SAYER.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Merrimack Valley Baptist Ministers' conference held in Lawrence Monday, the following resolution was passed and placed on the records:

"Whereas, Our brother and fellow pastor, Thomas S. Sayer, is about to remove out of this conference, therefore

"Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his Christian character as manifested in his connection with this body during the past five years. We gratefully testify to our brother's ability as a preacher and pastor and we would assure him of our sorrow at his departure from our midst and of earnest prayers for his future welfare.

HENRY W. O. MILLINGTON,
President.

W. KLIEN, Secretary.

LITERARY NOTES

"My New Curate," by the Rev. P. A. Sheehan of Doneraile, deserves attention from general readers because it reveals the priest's conception of himself. Besides, as it was written for priests and originally published in a magazine read by all American and by most English and Irish Catholic clergymen, the author takes complete understanding of the species for granted, and describes only the individual, thereby revealing the species far more plainly than would be possible in pages of careful distinction and division. Strictly speaking, the story has no heroine, but has two prominent female characters, the first of whom has a skeptical lover to whom the gift of faith comes in answer to the prayers of the second, a girl afflicted with a terrible skin disease of nervous origin, and self-disciplined to perfect submission to God's will. The villain is also absent, although certain persons who make the curate's life a burden when his schemes for his parishioners' well-being go wrong fill the place very well, but the clown is not missing. He is Jim Deady, who takes the temperance pledge regularly every three months; earns a handsome income by repairing the chapel roof in such a way that it needs his services whenever he needs a pound or two; who, drunk or sober, sings like a nightingale; who commands the village Fenians, plays tricks on inconvenient bailiffs, and blarneys the whole parish, Father Letheby excepted, and adores him for refusing his flattery. Two characters are well represented namely, the real, refined and educated Irishman and the real, genuine Irishwoman. It is a book that every Irishman will read with pleasure, especially those who know the author, himself a talented Soggarth Aroon.

IRON MOULDERS

Held Their Third Party Las Night

The Iron Moulders' union held its third party last evening at Associate hall and it proved a complete success, both socially and financially. A large crowd was in attendance and dancing was enjoyed until midnight. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra.

The following was the committee in charge and to whose efforts the success of the affair was largely due:

General manager, James T. Murphy; assistant general manager, William F. Mulgrave; floor director, W. B. Wethehead; assistant floor director, James Everett; aids, William H. Geary, O. F. McArdle, P. J. Hestin, M. J. Maloney, J. H. Ward and S. P. Tobin. Reception committee, George H. Keating, chairman; assisted by P. H. Ward, J. Connors, B. Keeley, J. Callahan, J. Foley, A. Burkett, George Tillier, P. Quinn.

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"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for over thirty years and can testify to its wonderful merits. It has kept my scalp free from dandruff and my hair soft and glossy. And it has prevented my hair from turning gray." — Mrs. F. A. Soule, Billings, Mont., Aug. 30, 1899.

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If it does, and you don't quite like it, all you have to do is to use Ayer's Hair Vigor. There is this peculiar thing about our Hair Vigor: it's a hair food, not a dye. It doesn't turn your hair suddenly black and make it look dead and lifeless. But gradually the old color comes back to your hair, — all the rich, dark color it used to have. And it stops falling of the hair.

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If you do not obtain all the benefits you desire from the use of the Vigor, write the Doctor about it. Address,
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NEW APPLIANCES

Extract of Report Before Railroad Committee

The substitution of steam in place of coal stoves or furnaces for the heating of cars is a "consummation most devoutly to be wished." Some of the most serious accidents on record have resulted from the burning of cars in wrecks, the fire spreading from the coal stoves used for heating purposes. Heating passenger trains by steam from the locomotive is fast supplanting the old methods, and its great advantages can readily be understood. The Westinghouse brake is rapidly coming into general use. The increase in number of freight cars equipped with this brake was in the year ending June 30, 1898, 115,227. It may be properly stated here that practically all (9956) passenger locomotives are equipped with train brakes, and 5105 with automatic couplers. Of cars in passenger service, practically all are equipped with train brakes and automatic couplers. Something over 91 per cent. of the locomotives in railroad service are equipped with train brakes, and over 30 per cent. with automatic couplers. Of freight cars, 46 per cent. are equipped with train brakes, and something over 63 per cent with automatic couplers. The increase in the number of freight cars equipped with automatic couplers was for the year 227,876.

This progress in the direction of the general use of train brakes and automatic couplers is very gratifying and satisfactory. No freight cars are now built for general use unless equipped with these appliances, and naturally the time will soon arrive when a car not so equipped will be the exception.

One of the most gratifying as well as desirable improvements in train equipment, and which may well be included under the head of "safety appliances," is the lighting of passenger cars by the "Pintsch" gas-lighting system. This is a German invention, and is fast becoming universal in its application. At the close of the year 1898 95,800 cars were equipped with this system. Of these 71,325 were in Germany, 17,860 in England, 5210 in France, 3711 in Austria, 6158 in India, 1030 in Australia and 13,497 in the United States. The remainder were distributed throughout the world in all countries where railroads are operated. Its introduction into this country is of comparatively recent date, and the excellent results derived from its uses afford sufficient argument for its general adoption. It has everything to recommend it, and especially as regards its safety. Its use has unquestionably been the means of averting most distressing loss of life in wrecks, where, had the old-time coal-oil lamps been used, the cars would have been burned and life lost. The adoption of this system of lighting passenger trains cannot be too highly recommended. It is fully appreciated and approved by the public, who readily see its advantages and who unanimously speak favorably regarding it. Its general adoption will be a national benefit.

Rocking horses for boys and girls; tool chests full of tools for boys, are very instructive. W. T. Bartlett, 653-659 Merrimack street. The up-town hardware store.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton has been at Dunstable the past four weeks.

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ELEANORA DUSE

Victim of an Unhappy Love Affair

HER NOVELIST-LOVER IS TIRED OF HER

She Loses All Interest in Her Art

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 22—Eleanora Duse is grieving over a lost love. Her heart is broken. The greatest living genius of the stage is the central figure today in a more heartrending tragedy than any she has pictured across the footlights.

Like many other women before her, she cast the pearls of her affection, her great, her splendid intellect, her passionate nature at the feet of a selfish egotist and he has trampled them under foot. For Gabriello D'Annunzio is not the man to let any woman hold him in thrall for any length of time.

There is no question about the genius of D'Annunzio. At 35 years of age he is the foremost novelist of Italy and and a poet of renown. His books are morbid to the last degree. He is the apostle of brutality. He loves to depict characters steeped in cruel and vice and heartlessness and he loudly boasts that he is his own model in his novels.

In his own life he is a votary of pleasure and he gloats over the fact that his senses rule him and that he is capable of enjoying them all.

Friends of Duse declare that no scandal is attached to their love. The woman has always been known for the austerity of her life. It was the intellectual gifts of the man which appealed so forcibly to her. For a time her thoughts and dreams were one. They made great plans together, plans that were to immortally cement their names together. And together they planned "The Tragedy of Death," which he wrote for Duse and faithless offered to Bernhardt when he grew weary of the Italian charmer.

Their scheme began on paper, ended in air. He had no more constancy than his own characters. Having bent this great woman of genius to his selfish wishes, having enriched himself at the fountain of her intellectuality, he suddenly realized that she was many years his senior and that he was weary of her—told her so, brutally ten days ago and broke from her. And she has come to Paris, the city in which she met him, some years and given herself up to despair in the house of her friends.

She thinks nothing of her work now, It would surprise no one to hear that Duse had cancelled all her theatrical engagements and taken the veil. One thing, possibly, holds her back from this denouement. She knows it would feed the vanity of the man she now loathes, and Duse is a woman of vast pride, a woman more likely to devise some scheme of revenging herself on the man who has cast her off than doing aught to give him further satisfaction.

THEIR DIVIDEND

OPERATIVES RECEIVE WELCOME CIRCULAR FROM MILL TREASURER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 23.—Treasurer George A. Chase of the Bourne mills issued yesterday his circular announcing the semi-annual dividend to the operatives. The amount is 3 1-3 per cent. of wages earned from June 12 to December 9, 1899, by operatives continuously employed by the corporation during that time. The circular refers to the prosperous year just passed, with the resulting increase in wages, this latter making an addition of over $2,000,000 a year to the operatives of the city.

The operatives are offered opportunity to secure a direct financial interest in the new mill which has started. To pay for this mill notes bearing six per cent. interest have been issued, the issue being confined to stockholders. Of the issue $50,000 has been reserved to be held for the benefit of employes. The employe making the best record for the next six months will be allowed to take a $1000 note. Five notes of $500 each will be allotted by merit. Employes may take notes of $50 or $100 each at will to the full amount reserved. A saving fund is established to assist employes to save for investment in the bonds.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Everybody's liable to itching piles. Rich and poor, old and young—terrible the torture they suffer. Only one sure cure. Doan's Ointment. Absolutely safe; can't fail.

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IN AN OLD STAND

New goods, new prices, new management, new ideas, new ways of doing business.

The old Public Market, corner of Howard and Middlesex streets has all been remodeled over and a new stock of goods has been put in. The place is decorated with evergreens and colored trimmings, with a large lot of choice poultry mixed in. Here are a few prices we are giving.

Young Turkeys 10 to 15c lb.
Young Chickens, 10 to 15c lb.
Ducks, Geese and Game at the same low figures.

PUBLIC MARKET,
Corner of Howard and Middlesex Streets.

Open Evenings.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

AT THE CENTRAL STREET STORE,

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Only two days in which to complete your Purchases. Now is all
Hurry, Hurry, Bustle, Bustle, rush, rush.

THREE FLOORS FULL OF USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO SELECT FROM.

Christmas Dept.
FIRST FLOOR

Here you will find everything in useful articles as well as ornamental, suitable for anybody and everybody, young and old, men, women or children.

An endless variety of Handkerchiefs for the ladies, gents and children.

Silk Mufflers and Kid Gloves for ladies, gents and children.

Mittens in kid and woolen.

Bureau Scarfs in Cut Work.

Full line of Ladies' Neckwear in stocks and jabots.

The largest stock of Aprons to select from in Lowell. You know our reputation in these goods in former seasons. The variety is larger than ever this season.

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Men's and Boys' Suspenders.

Men's and Boys' Neckwear.

Alligator Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Seal Bags, Pocketbooks, Pine Stone Pompadour Combs, Empress Combs, Side Combs, Fancy Hat Pins, Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, Bracelets, Ladies' and Gents' Cuff Buttons, Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors Ladies' Aluminum Companion will not tarnish. Fancy Box Perfume, Sachet Powder, Soap, William H. Brown's fine Perfumes, Tooth Powder, Gents' Sleeve Elastics.

THREE FLOORS FULL USEFUL CHRISTMAS GOODS TO SELECT FROM.

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Ladies' Hose Supporters, Gents' Hose Supporters.

Hat Brushes, Whisk Brooms, Toilet Soap.

Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Linen Sets, Covers, etc.

Black and Colored Dress Goods, Black Silks.

Fancy Hosiery and Hosiery of all kinds for men, women and children.

Large line of Lambrequins.

WE DEVOTE LARGE SPACE

For the sale of Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, in celluloid and ebony, Gents' Collar and Cuff Boxes, Medallions, Handy Writing Desks, Hand Painted Plaques with easel, Military Brushes in ebony box, Photo Holders, Gloves, Boxes, Jewel Cases, Water Bottles, Cracker Jars, Atomizers, Vinaigrettes, Puff Boxes, Perfumery in fancy boxes, Cups and Saucers, Silver Mugs for children, Cut Glass Cracker Jars with silver tops, Pin Trays, Bon-Bon Dishes, Bon-Bon Spoons, Cut Glass Flower Holders, Match Holders, Tobacco Jars and Boxes. With every pair of Gloves costing $1.00 or more, we give a handsome Glove Box free.

SECOND FLOOR—Our wrapper department deserves special mention. Here you will find everything in cotton woolen and flannelette. On this floor also a big line of Children's Dresses, Cotton Underwear, Outing Flannel Night Dresses, Infants' Goods, etc. Come to the Central street store Friday and Saturday.

BASEMENT DEPT.—Blankets, Bed Spreads, Comforters, Rugs.

CLOAK AND SUIT DEPT.—Jackets, Capes, Suits, Skirts, Mackintoshes, Furs, Fur Sets Boas, Scarfs, Storm Collars, Muff, etc. We've no need to tell you or remind you of our line of Ladies' Petticoats in black and colors, in mercerized, satine and silk, as we have the enviable reputation of having the best line of Underskirts in Lowell.

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THE LEADER.
Among the newspapers of Lowell The Sun is unquestionably the leader. It leads in news, it leads in style, it leads in illustrations, it leads in circulation, it leads in enterprise, it leads in everything that goes to make a first-class newspaper.

THE LOWELL SUN

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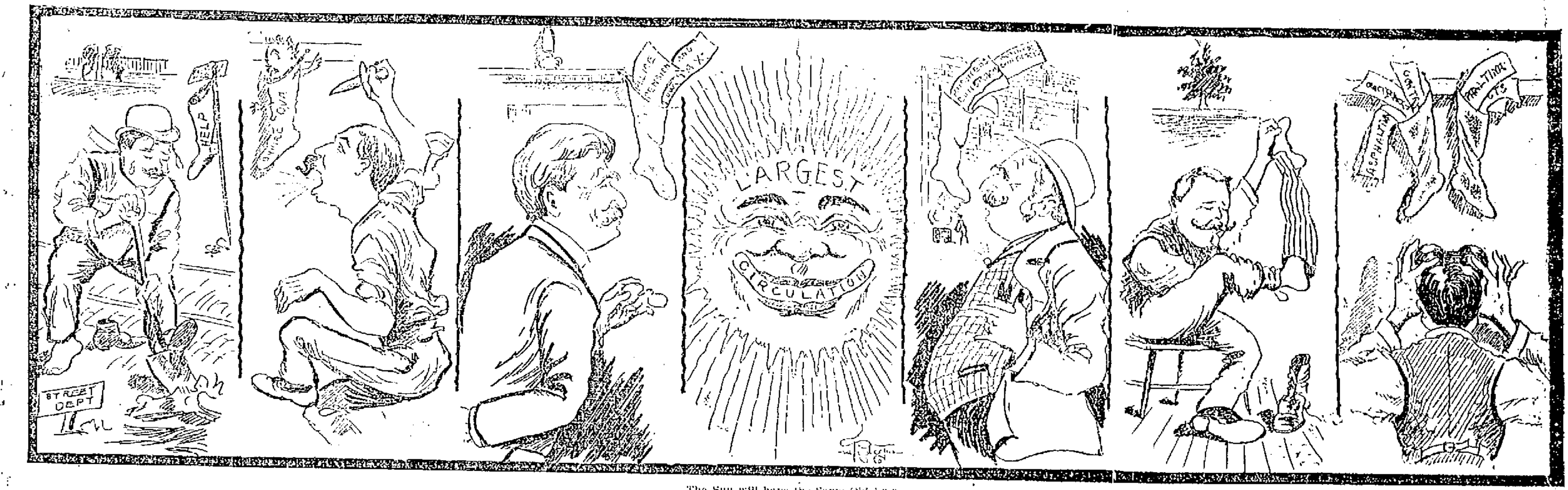
SOME CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS.



Supt. Cheney Wants "Help."

Brother Poore is Anxious for Qua's Portfolio.

His Honor will be Pleased with Police Pensions and Low Taxes.

The Sun will have the Same Old Present—The Largest Circulation in the City.

Col. Bennett Wants a Lot of Business Contracts.

Capt. Mitten Would Like to Find Gillow's Scalp in His Stocking.

Bob Crowley is Looking Anxiously for More Asphaltina Contracts.

NIGHT EDITION

SIX O'CLOCK.

TWO LOWELL BANKS

Hold Stock in Globe National Bank of Boston

Ex-Pres. Cole of the Bank Arrested This Morning—Charged With Embezzlement of $900,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—Charles H. Cole, former president of the Globe National bank of Boston, which failed on Thursday last, was arrested at Redondo by United States Marshal Osborne today and brought to this city.

The arrest was made on a warrant charging him with mis-appropriating government funds. The information was sent from Boston to United States Attorney Flint and arrived last night. Mr. Cole, accompanied by his wife and son, arrived in this city last Sunday and registered at the Van Nuys hotel. Yesterday they went to Redondo. He made no attempt to conceal his identity, though evidently aware that his arrest was probable. Mr. Cole's son stated that his father knows absolutely nothing about the bank affairs. He resigned from the presidency of the institution about two months ago. The family went from Boston to Salt Lake city where Mr. Cole has mining interests and later came to Los Angeles on account of Mrs. Cole's health.

The prisoner will be held here awaiting advices from Boston.

CHARGE AGAINST COLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—News of the arrest of Mr. Charles P. Cole, formerly president of the Globe National bank of this city at Redondo, Cal., which reached here this afternoon, put an end to efforts on the part of United States authorities here to keep secret that any action had been taken to bring about his arrest. Dispatches from California last night said that United States officers were after Cole but at the office of the United States district attorney here early this morning, it could not be learned that a warrant for Cole's arrest had been issued. As soon as word was received that he was in custody, however, it soon developed that the warrant had been issued during the forenoon and that the authorities had little trouble in finding the man when they actually wanted him.

The warrant was sworn out before United States Commissioner Fiske by Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing, acting under orders of the comptroller of the currency.

The action of Examiner Wing in the matter was taken after he had been in charge of the Globe National bank only one day, the institution having been ordered closed by Comptroller of the Currency Dawes Thursday night, with Mr. Wing as temporary receiver.

Mr. Wing refused to make known the nature of the facts which he discovered and which led Comptroller Dawes as soon as he was acquainted with them, to instruct Mr. Wing to take legal steps. Bankers, however, who have been in touch with matters connected with the Globe bank, say that reasons for the action they refer to the history of Mr. Cole's connection with the bank and the circumstances under which he resigned last November.

It is believed that the troubles date back far beyond that time, but early in November the directors of the Globe bank decided that certain loans had been on collateral which was considered unsatisfactory. These loans, it developed, had been largely in transportation, in which President Cole was associated with Edward A. Clark and William H. Coolidge. The deals were made in United States mining and United States oil, and certain coppers and the amount of loans aggregated $1,500,000.

On the strength of these facts, the directors requested Mr. Cole to resign, and he withdrew as president November 16, having arranged with the directors that he and his colleagues, Clark and Coolidge, would assume the loans, additional security being deposited with the bank. The recent and repeated declines in copper retarded settlement and last week the bank found itself embarrassed and forced to ask aid from the Boston Clearing House association. Three and a half million dollars was advanced by the clearing house and it was thought no further trouble would be experienced. Early in the week, however, heavy depositors began to withdraw their accounts and in a few days more than $2,500,000 was taken from the bank and placed elsewhere. This proved too great a strain and being unable to secure further loans, Comptroller Dawes ordered the bank closed.

The district attorney this afternoon stated that the warrant was in four counts, two charging embezzlement and two misappropriation of the funds of the bank. It is alleged that $692,000 was embezzled and [illegible] misapplied. No dates are mentioned in the warrant as it is understood that the misdeeds cover an indefinite period of time.

Many savings banks are stockholders in the Globe National bank. Among the heaviest of these are:

The City Institution, Lowell, [illegible] shares; Haverhill Savings bank, 100 shares; Savings Institution, Newburyport, 112 shares; Danvers Savings bank 85 shares; Lynn Five Cents Savings bank, 58 shares; Lowell Five Cents Savings bank, 60 shares. The city of Boston has $570,688 on deposit in the bank.

Christmas Drafts

Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.

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You may not have thought of these for a Christmas Gift. Allow us to suggest:

Children's Fancy Chairs and Rockers, Ladies' Fancy Chairs and Rockers, Ladies' Desks, Combination Book Cases and Desks, ...

China Closets.
Parlor Sets, Couches.
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Rugs, Pictures.
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Easels, Screens.
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Wringers.

DURABLE,
USEFUL
CHRISTMAS
GIFTS.

Or a "20th Century Range or Parlor Stove. The Ladies' Oak Frame Velour Upholstered Spring Seat Rocker we will place on sale at $1.33 Monday, is one of the attractions. The costly and artistic calendar we give to the purchaser of one dollar or more worth of goods is another. Come. We are better prepared than ever before to do you justice.

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AFTER GILMORE

American Troops One Day Behind His Captors

THE MEN ENCOUNTER HARDSHIPS

Panay and Negros are Very Quiet

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A cablegram from General Otis was received at the war department today, giving the first news for some time of the detachments that are pursuing Aguinaldo. The dispatch follows:

"MANILA, Dec. 23.—General Young reports under date of the 21st instant from Vigan that Colonels Hare and Howze were heard from December 17th, still in pursuit through the mountains of the insurgent column, having our prisoners of whom four captured, Captain Gilmore not including prisoner. The insurgents are one day in advance and the pursuit is continued. These pursuing troops have encountered great hardships, and will probably strike Aparri. Two hundred and one Spanish prisoners from Aparri received this morning, 200 more in that section, mostly friars, awaiting transportation to Manila. Entire sixteenth infantry leaves for Aparri tomorrow for stations from that point as far south as Bayombong. Batchelder's battalion 24th is now on lower Rio Grande in good condition to return to San Jose country. Forty-fourth infantry being sent to Hughes at Iloilo, who reports Panay, Negros and adjacent islands quiet. Arriving troops and supplies being unloaded, overnight service to Manila daily. All ports northern Luzon open January 1."

AGUINALDO FOUND

Is Near Bayombong and Wife is Dead

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 23.—Col. Wilder has telegraphed to Vigan, from Bayombong, that Aguinaldo has crossed the mountains near Bayombong, going southward. His wife died in a village in that vicinity.

BIG FIRE

DESTROYED PROPERTY IN VALLEY FALLS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 23.—Valley Falls was visited by a $3,500 fire at noon today, in which J. Morin, contractor, the Albion company and Andrew J. Currier, are the principal losers.

The fire started in the group of buildings owned by the Albion company and Mr. Currier jointly, and occupied by Mr. Morin as work rooms and office.

TO REVISE CHARTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Gov. Roosevelt today announced his intention to appoint a committee on revision of the Greater New York city charter. None of those who served on the original charter commission will be appointed on the committee on revision.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

LIQUOR CASES

Three in Police Court This Morning

A MERRIMACK SQ. MAN FINED $100

Three Others Were Fined $50 Each

William B. Harrington appeared before Judge Hadley in the police court this morning to answer to a charge of illegal keeping of liquor. He pleaded guilty and the court imposed a fine of $100 which was paid. The liquor seized in what was formerly Thomas H. Boyle's barroom in Merrimack square was in Harrington's name. Eight bottles of ale were seized.

Three drunks were arraigned. One simple offender was discharged by the court and Richard McMahon was fined $5.

James H. Maltes pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness. He said he was 42 years old and that was the first time he had ever been arrested and he said it would be the last. He asked the court to be as lenient with him as possible. The court let him off with a fine of $1. This is the first fine of $1 imposed in the local police court since the first of May.

Thomas H. Doyle pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of a horse and team. They were the property of the defendant's brother and were valued at $50 and $10 respectively. The defendant sold the horse and team yesterday to a man for $10 and then got drunk. He fell into the hands of Officer John B. Crowley who "pinched" him. The court sentenced him to the house of correction for a term of six months.

Joseph S. Byrne, charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance, withdrew his former plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty. There was no trial and the court imposed a fine of $50. Byrne paid.

Tillman and Jennie Litman pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal keeping of liquor and were fined $50 each.

The session was a comparatively short one.

This is the last chance to go to Gaynor & Co's, 25 Prescott street, if you want to make a Christmas present of a piece of furniture you can give nothing that will be more acceptable. Their prices are always the lowest.

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Within the next few days we will give away 250 samples of

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For Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Influenza and Croup. But you must act quick, for Dows' is so well known that every one will be anxious to get a sample.

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A Merry Christmas to You

May your hearts ever keep young, and your lives full of joy as the years come and go is the wish of

LOUIS ALEXANDER

[illegible] Central Street.

Tom O. Noble, Assistant.

MOLINEUX WEAK

His Attorney Believe He Is Breaking Down

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Roland Burnham Molineux, who is accused of causing the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, appears to be breaking down. The effect of the strain to which his trial during the last week has subjected him has been such as to cause him to make complaints to his counsel, Messrs. Weeks and Battle, and they have asked Recorder Goff if the young man could not have more exercise and take stimulants.

HIS ARM BROKEN.

Last evening W. R. Reidy, the well known barber, was returning from his place of business and when going through Albion street where some boys had placed a telephone wire across the street, he failed to see the wire and fell, fracturing his arm. This kind of mischief should be stopped and the urchins punished. This is the second time within two months that he has met with an accident to his arm.

HAVERHILL WOMAN

FAINTED IN MERRIMACK SQUARE THIS AFTERNOON.

A Haverhill woman coming to Lowell to visit friends, fainted in Merrimack Square about 3 o'clock this afternoon, as she was leaving the Lawrence car. She was removed to the waiting room and soon came around all right. She said she had friends living at 83 Church street, and a hack was secured and she was taken to that address. Her name is not known.

CROWDS VISIT LAWRENCE.

The crowds that went to Lawrence today rivalled those of the day before the Fourth. Several women who got into the cars with the crush at Merrimack Square were soon assisted out again in a fainting condition. The cars returning brought crowds back loaded within and without. Quite a number patronized the steam cars and had much more comfort.

Putnam & Son

Come Today

and come as early as you can. Things here are going rapidly and stocks are getting small.

DRESSING GOWNS.

The Flannel Wraps and Eiderdown—both are good—an assortment as we write, but fast disappearing, $2.95, and at half-a-dozen prices up to $9.95.

MEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS.

Taffetas, paragon frames and steel rods, plain wood handles, as low as $1.13. Silver mounted, $2.19, finer ivory and horn, $3.95 and $4.95.

FINE NECKWEAR.

The best we have ever shown, finer than has been shown in town. Fastest selling here we've ever known. The whole stock, richest silks included, all at four prices. Choice, 25c, 45c, 63c, 97c.

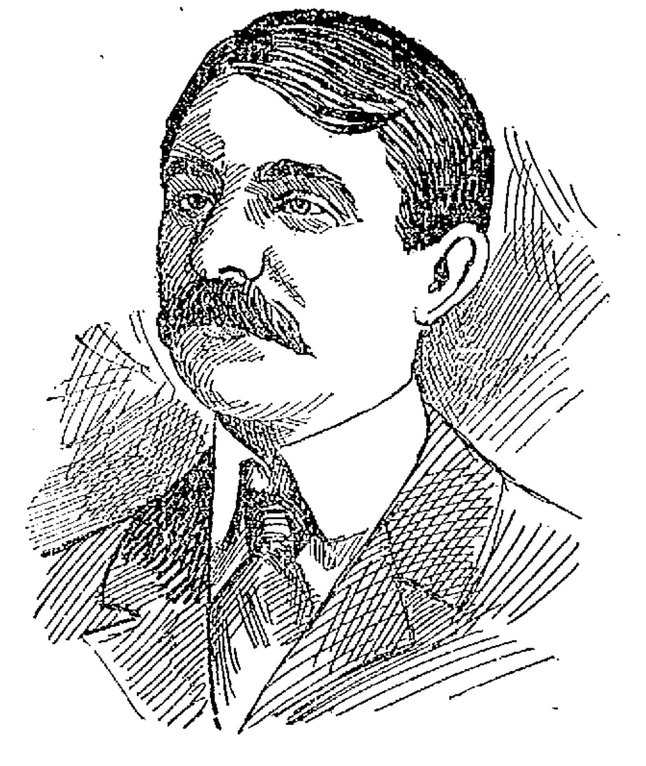
WOMEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS.

A collection that has awakened admiration. Silks are good; handles are exquisite. Every new idea in natural wood, silver, pearl and ivory. These silk umbrellas from $1.47, $2.19, $2.73 up to $4.95.

Things are lively—but we have provided plenty of extra attendants and will try and serve you promptly.

PUTNAM & SON,

166 Central Street.



CHARLES H. COLE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE GLOBE NATIONAL BANK.

TO ARREST COLE

President of Globe National Bank

NOW AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Order of the District Attorney at Boston

HE CANNOT BE FOUND THERE

Charges of Irregularity Brought Against Him

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—The Globe correspondent here learns that late last night a telegram was received from United States government authorities in Boston directing the Los Angeles district attorney to detain former President Cole of the Globe National bank of Boston, on the charge of misappropriating a large sum of the bank's money.

The complaint and warrant for Cole's arrest were sent from Boston this morning.

Mr. Cole, his wife and son, have been at Varney's Hotel here since Sunday. Mr. Cole was about the hotel yesterday and his wife and son are still here, but Cole cannot now be found. A United States marshal has had instructions from the district attorney and at a late hour last night was waiting in the hope that Cole would return to the hotel.

EX-PRES. COLE'S CAREER

HE ENTERED THE GLOBE NATIONAL BANK AS A CLERK.

Charles H. Cole spent the best part of his life behind the counters of the Globe National bank. He has known what it was to be a subordinate and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of successive boards of directors that won him promotion from under clerk to assistant teller, thence to teller, from that to cashier, then to the vice presidency, and lastly to the position as the chief officer of the institution. It may be said that his business career was spent in this bank which has just closed, for it was only recently that his name was connected with any enterprise other than the Globe National bank.

Mr. Cole is about 53 years old and was born in Plymouth. He came to Boston when only five years old and was brought up in South Boston. After finishing his education in the Boston High school, he went to work in a private banking house in 1862. He obtained employment in the Globe National bank in 1868 as a clerk, and during the next 13 years he filled the offices of assistant teller and teller. He was industrious, modest, careful and reliable, and he won the regard of the former president, William B. Stevens. In 1881 Mr. Cole was so highly regarded that he was made cashier and he held this place until 1894, when he was advanced to the vice presidency. During Mr. Cole's term as cashier, so great was the president's confidence in him that his authority was extended beyond the ordinary limits of the power of the cashier.

Especially in the matter of loans he was permitted to exercise his judgment and matters that in most banks were within the sole province of the president, devolved upon the cashier of the Globe, so trusted was he.

It is said that during the last few years of Mr. Cole's term of office as cashier, he practically ran the bank, that he passed upon loans and issued them by simply advising the president and directors of the value of the paper presented in his opinion. So according to the story of Charles H. Cole's rise to the commanding position in the bank, he was the managerial head during the years when he was only the cashier.

It is said tat the examinations of the bank paper since the retirement of Mr. Cole have shown that he had permitted overdrafts and sanctioned to some extent overloans to some concerns and individuals as far back as 10 years ago, when he was only cashier. This was said in explanation of the growth of this feature of the Globe National bank business discovered recently.

Mr. Stevens was succeeded as president by C. O. Billings in 1881 and this gentleman served until 1895. In 1894, Mr. Cole was once more elevated, this time to the position of vice president, and made one of the board of directors. He already had the authority of this place but the promotion increased his influence.

By this time Mr. Cole had gained a place of recognized standing in the banking community. When in 1895 Mayor Edwin U. Curtis was looking about for a commission to investigate and report upon the municipal finances, he selected Mr. Cole as one of three men to advise him in the adjustment of the city's business. Mr. Cole served as vice president under Capt. Charles E. Stevens during 1895-7, and when that gentleman died he was elected to his place. His career as president extended over two years and he retired November 6 last.

SUNDAY SERMONS

TO BE PREACHED AT THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES TOMORROW.

First Baptist—Morning, "The Glory of God," evening, "The Imprint of Heaven."

First Unitarian—Morning, "Can We Do Without Christ?"

First Primitive Methodist—Morning, "The Marvellous Christ;" evening, Sunday school Christmas concert.

First Congregational church—Morning, "Joyous Lessons;" 4 p. m., vesper service, evening, Christmas Sunday school concert.

Westminster Presbyterian—Morning, "The Wonder of the Ages;" evening, "The Peerless Man."

Second Church of Christ, Scientist—Morning, "Christian Science."

First Presbyterian—Morning "The Star of Bethlehem; evening, "The Christian Triumph."

All Saints, Chelmsford—Holy Communion 10 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.45; Sunday school at noon; Christmas Eve service with sermon 7 p. m.; Christmas Day, Holy Communion 10 a. m. Sunday school festival, Tuesday, 7 p. m.

Salvation Army—Holiness meeting 11 a. m. Children's meeting, 1.45 p. m., song and praise service 3 p. m. gospel meeting, 7.30. The string band will assist.

Paige Street Free Baptist—Morning, "The Babe in the Manger;" evening, Miss Vella, state superintendent of primary school work will give a Christmas illustrated lesson.

St. Paul's M. E.—Morning, "The Lord Is Come;" evening, "Was the Angel Song a Sarcasm?"

Ayer City Union Mission—Christmas Sunday school concert at 3 o'clock.

Fifth Street Baptist—Morning, "The World's Great Festival;" evening, Christmas concert.

Centralville M. E.—Morning, Christmas sermon illustrated by blackboard; evening, Sunday school concert.

St. Anne's—Sunday evening, Dec. 24, Christmas eve, Sunday school carol service, at 7 o'clock; Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day; 7.30 a. m., first celebration of holy communion; 10.30, full services, sermon and holy communion.

Christadelphian Ecclesia — Morning, "The Heavens and the Earth Shall Shake."

Highland Congregational — Morning, Christmas festival by the Sunday school; evening, Christmas carol service.

Eliot Congregational—Morning, Preaching by Rev. G. R. Hewitt; evening, Christmas Sunday school concert in auditorium.

Grace Universalist—Morning, "Church in the Life of Today."

Immanuel Baptist—Morning, Mr. F. A. Hayward of this city who is studying at Colgate, N. Y., will preach; evening, Sunday school concert.

Gospel meeting and Bible study at Highland hall this afternoon at three o'clock. The heads and horns of Revelation will be studied. Everybody invited.

Central M. E. church (corner of John and Paige street)—Pastor Meredith's morning subject: The Wonderful Child." Sunday school at noon. Epworth league at 5.45 p. m.; Christmas concert at 6.45 p. m. All seats free. Come!

Worthen Street M. E.—Morning, Christmas, "The Benediction Day of the Year," evening, Christmas concert.

Free Church—Morning, "God With Us."

Unity Meeting House—Afternoon at 1 o'clock: "The Men Who See Best In a Cloudy Day."

Worthen Street Baptist—Morning, "The Prince of Peace;" evening, "No room for Christ."

Highland M. E.—Morning, Christmas sermon and music; evening, vesper service.

Mrs. Nettie H. Harding will lecture and give tests for the First Spiritualist society, in Odd Fellows' hall, Merrimack street, at 2.30 and 7 p. m.

Elder C. O. Barnham will preach at the second advent church Grand street, morning and evening, Sunday, Dec. 24.

Central Congregational, Dracut—Morning, Christmas concert, musical director, Warren Hamblett; evening, Christmas sermon by the pastor.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY THE LOWELL IRISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Lowell Irish Benevolent society held at their hall, Wednesday evening, the following board of officers was elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Thomas F. Quinn; vice president, Morgan Reilly; spiritual director, Rev. Michael O'Brien; treasurer, John Whitely; financial secretary, John McCluskey; recording secretary, James Howard; executive committee, Hugh McOsker, Henry F. Keyes; standing committee, Peter Sheehan, Patrick Reagan, John Breen, Henry F. Maguire, John Rourke; sick committee, James Hiland, John J. Grady, Peter Driscoll; steward, Hugh Golden.

MUSIC HALL

Standing room was at a premium in Music Hall last night with the "High Rollers."

"Dad In Harness," introducing Otis B. Thayer and Beatrice MacKenzie will be presented at Music Hall for three nights commencing Monday, Dec. 25th. An extra matinee will be given Christmas day with the usual matinee Wednesday. "Dad in Harness" is a farce comedy by Kenneth Lee and is said to be one of the brightest comedies from the young author's pen, abounding in clean comedy, good music and amazing situations; specialties are introduced throughout the action of the comedy and from all accounts they are of a very high order. Withal a first class company goes far to make this one of the strongest attractions that has been seen at the Music Hall this season. All new special scenery is really a feature with "Dad in Harness."

Frank Rawnsley has been presented with a plush case containing a gold pen and pencil as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the young women of the U. S. Bunting company's drawing room.

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Card Reader. Room 47, Bon Marche Building. Ladies, 25 cents.

AT THE SCHOOLS

Entertainments Given at the Different Schools

BEFORE CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAY VACATION

Enjoyable Entertainment at Normal School

In all of the 12 public school kindergartens in the city, Christmas trees were given at the close of the term. At the Chapel street school the exercises were held Thursday afternoon and at the Lincoln school Friday afternoon. The trees were dressed entirely with the work made by the children and the entertainment consisted of the usual kindergarten Christmas exercises.

PAWTUCKET SCHOOL

HOLDS AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

A pretty entertainment was given at the Pawtucket school by the children yesterday afternoon. The program was as follows: Song, Ethel Roy; readings, Marion Batchelder, Bernard Kelly; character song, Anna Guyton and Chester Field; reading, Sarah Braden; reading, Helen Guyton. The program closed with a dialogue, in which Grace Mansfield played the part of Mother Goose and entertained the numerous children of her class. "Little Boy Blue," "Simple Simon" and all the others in appropriate costumes spoke their little pieces for "Mother Goose" and for the audience. The children were drilled by Miss Mansfield, one of the teachers. At the close of the entertainment, Principal Barry spoke a few words to the children wishing them all a happy Christmas.

The scholars in the first room at this school have been doing some particularly fine work in the way of pen and ink drawings and color designs. Some beautiful booklets and calendars were given out at the close of the afternoon session, as mementoes of the Christmas season. The work done is designed to cultivate literary as well as the artistic sense of the pupils.

BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

PRESENTED BY CHILDREN OF THE VARNUM SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the seventh grade of the Varnum grammar school presented Kate Douglas Wiggins' "Birds' Christmas Carol." The entertainment was under the direction of the teachers, Miss Grace W. Balch and Miss Daisy B. MacBrayne. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, John McGrath.
Introduction of Story, Faith Doty.
Scene I. Carol tells Uncle Jack her Christmas plans.
Piano duet, Mabel and Fred Harvey.
Scene II.—Teaching dinner-party "manners" to "The Ruggleses in the rear."
Piano solo, Agnes Ryan.
Scene III. The dinner party.
Violin and piano duet, Florence Nix and Annabel Mackenzie.
Story continued.
Scene IV. The choir boys.
Story concluded.
Recessional.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Mrs. Ruggles	Miss Daisy B. MacBrayne
Mrs. Bird	Antonia Roussel
Uncle Jack	Fred Walsh
Carol Bird	Hope Hathaway
Sarah Maude	Belle Duncan
Peter	Elmer Mitchell
Susan	Ethel Clarke
Kitty	Almina Florent
Clement	Norman Peabody
Cornelius	Royal Mills
Peoria	Mary Tarpey
Elly	Lottie Lane
Larry	Frank Whitcomb

Choir Boys—Paul Chandler, Earl Ober, Albini Foley, Walter Connelly, Grant Miller, Bert Tuttle, Fred Walsh, Earl Kimball, Fred Harvey, Charles Erdis.

Reader, Faith Doty.

A NICE PROGRAM

GIVEN BY THE PUPILS OF THE BUTLER SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the Butler school gave a very pleasing entertainment. Credit is also due to the teachers who so ably assisted them in carrying out the program.

A hearty welcome was given each one as they went on the stage. One of the most pleasing features was that of the quartette, which was composed of Miss Marion Doherty, Miss Margaret Green, Miss E. Johnson, and Florence Holgate. James Bell and William Kershaw pleased the audience with their cornet and piano playing. The program:

Chorus, Adeste Fideles, school; recitation, Anon, Estelle Moors; club exercises, Amelia Howard; semi-chorus, Christmas song, six girls from Miss Foley's room; note to Santa Claus, Nellie Travers; Day After Christmas, Maude Fowler, Alex. Semple; quartette, "The Air is Filled with the Echoes," Margaret Green, M. Doherty, E. Johnson, F. Holgate; graphaphone selections, Lettie Lairdson; "The Stocking's Christmas," Emily Thatcher; chorus "Shine Out, O Blessed," Grace Draper; violin solo, piano accompaniment; W. Cunningham, W. Kershaw; "When We Hang Up Our Stockings," Mabel Sykes; "The Flower's Fur-Coat," Blanche Walsh; semi-chorus, "Merry Christmas," pupils from Miss O'Brien's and Miss Marren's rooms; "A Boy Without a Sweetheart," Walter Brown; "Jess Before Christmas," George Severance; semi-chorus, "Old Folks at Home," boys from Miss Murphy's and Miss McCarthy's room; "In Santa Claus Land," May Lowney; cornet solo, with piano accompaniment, James Bell and W. Kershaw; "My Georgia Rose," Martin Maguire; chorus, "America," school.

The program was under the direction of Principal Callahan.

AN ENTERTAINMENT

BY THE YOUNG WOMEN OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon, just before the closing of the term for the holidays, a very pleasing drama, entitled, "Bachelor Maids," was presented by the young women students of the state normal school. The entertainment was followed by dancing. The cast of characters is as follows:

Miss Vincent, a nurse, Miss Dodge.
Miss Carruthers, a novelist, Miss Coleman.
Miss Lovering, a writer of advertisements, Miss Magoon.
Miss Taylor, a member of a college settlement, Miss Rollins.
Miss Beatrice Sinclair, Miss Jamieson.
Golden Lilies, a Japanese maid, Miss Lord.

The scene represented the "den" of the bachelor maids adorned with the paraphernalia of their various professions. It was very cleverly presented and gave much pleasure to the invited guests who were present.

TEACHER REMEMBERED.

Miss Amy L. Tucke, a teacher in the Bartlett school was given a present yesterday, by her pupils. Master Harold Sherman made the presentation speech and the presentation was followed by an entertainment program as follows:

Songs, Marietta Leary and Luella Dewar; recitations, Ida Peters, Luella Dewar, Katherine O'Donoghue, Alice Bean, ora Ryan, Marietta Leary and Anastasia Murray; singing, "Christmas Bells," class.

CARTER STREET SCHOOL.

The following program was presented by the pupils of the Carter street school: Wreath drill, Delia Goldberg, Margaret Mooney, Abbie Higgins, Gertrude Donovan, Annie Mead, Annie Donohue, Gertrude Humphries, Annabel Lowney, Winnie Earit, Orilla Lacouesse, Jennie Shrigley; violin solo, Esther Pihl; "Mother Goose's Christmas," with the following cast: Mother Goose, Mary Leith; Little Boy Blue, Frank Purcell; Jack and Gill, William Boyle and Lizzie Scobie; Old Woman Who Lived In the Shoe," Lizzie Shaughnessey; Mary Quite Contrary, An[illegible] Jack Horner, Frank Quirk; Little Miss Muffit, Grace Stockham; Simple Simon, Frank Orvell; Mother Hubbard Annie Pettingale; Peter Pumpkin Eater, Rudolph Brown; Bo Peep, Annie Arlt; Dr. Foster, Hubert Senior; Tom, the Piper's Son, Samuel Miller; Johnny Green, Walter Flanegan; Santa Claus, Andrew Stormquist. The program closed with "Christmas Bells" by the school. Miss Katherine F. Brady was the accompanist.

CAMPAIGNING TOUR

OF PRESIDENT McKINLEY WILL BE 10,000 MILES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President McKinley will next fall duplicate, if not surpass the famous campaigning tour of Benjamin Harrison. His present plans are to cover the entire country. The president today assured Senator Perkins of California that he would accompany the delegation in congress from that state to witness the launching of the new battleship Ohio at San Francisco. This vessel is being built by the Union Iron Works and will be ready for the water in September or October. It is expected that this visit to the Pacific coast will be in its chief features a protracted rear-end speech-making tour. The party will probably go over the northern route and return by the southern lines through New Orleans and other gulf cities. Thus the south and west will be covered in a journey of 10,000 miles.

Before making this trip, the president it is said, will be given an opportunity to visit New England and New York. In this manner without the appearance of actual campaigning he will be enabled to perform arduous missionary work in every section of the union.

ENDED LIFE

SUICIDE OF A WAR VETERAN AT MEDFORD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MEDFORD, Dec. 23—Hugh M. Campbell, one of the oldest members of Gen. Lawrence post 66, G. A. R., of this city committed suicide some time last night at his home, 24 Webster street, by hanging from the baluster rail in the hallway. He had been despondent for some time. Campbell slept with his son, and some time during the night got up and committed the tragic act. His son missed him and upon searching for him, found him in the hallway suspended from the baluster rail of the second story. He had been dead but a short time when found. The police were notified and word sent the medical examiner.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Last evening at the regular meeting of Court Columbus, Foresters of America, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chief ranger, D. Moynahan; sub chief ranger, C. Shanley; treasurer, S. D. Breen; recording secretary, Jas. A. McCusker; financial secretary, Dennis Healey; senior woodward, Daniel J. Burke; junior woodward, John M. Aherne; senior beadle, James M. Grogan; junior beadle, Cornelius Conole; trustees, T. Conray, John Moynahan; physician, Dr. James E. Leahy.

Five candidates were initiated and two propositions were received at the regular meeting of Integrity Lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., last night. During the evening Malcolm Curry, who has been the lodge's warden for seven years, was presented a handsome gold emblem of the lodge by his fellow members for his faithful services. The election of officers took place afterwards resulted as follows: Noble grand, Richard Chadwick; vice grand, James Brooks; elective secretary, Alexander Mitchell; treasurer, John McPhail; permanent secretary, Samuel Rodger; warden, Malcolm Curry.

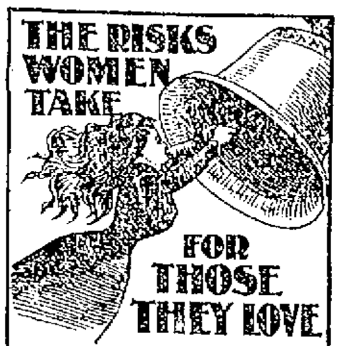
A grand supper and entertainment was held last night after the regular meeting of Waverly lodge, Sons of St. George. Princess lodge, Daughters of St. George were present in a body to enjoy the evening. The entertainment was a finely arranged one and was made up of the following: Piano solo, Alfred Asquith; singing, "Hail, Smiling Morn," by all; dialogue, "The Henpecked Husband;" song, Joseph Fielding; hymn, "Christmas Awake;" song, "Anchor Weighed," William Sykes. A fine supper was served during the evening and the following committee had charge of the tables: Messrs. Joseph Fielding, William Kershaw, John Greenleaf, Mrs. William Ireland, Mrs. James Dawson, Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Joseph Fielding, Mrs. Whitehead. At the business meeting $25 was donated to the widows of the English soldiers in the Transvaal. The sum will be sent to England and will go to the Rudyard Kipling fund.

Last night at the regular meeting of Columbia council, O. U. A. M., three propositions were received. Arrangements were completed for a steam clam bake to be held next Friday evening and all the members were requested to be present. Arrangements are also being made for the union fair to be given by the council and Daughters of Liberty at Associate hall.

Routine business only was transacted at the regular meeting of Independent council, Jr. O. U. A. M., last evening.

The regular meeting of Lowell lodge, I. O. O. F., was held last evening, and only routine business was transacted. After the meeting a collation was given and the members enjoyed themselves.

The people of St. John's church are fortunate in securing the services of the Dartmouth Glee Club for Tuesday. See notice elsewhere.



We thrill at the story of "Curfew shall not ring to-night." Yet it is melodramatic and commonplace beside the peril every woman runs who faces motherhood. Women are strangely self-forgetful. The exaltation of the fact of motherhood blinds them often to its peril. Yet the husband who can bear no tithe of the mother's pain or peril owes it to himself to see that his wife is in that condition of sound health which minimizes the risk both to mother and child. Many husbands have expressed their gratitude for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, because it makes the pain of motherhood practically nothing and reduces the risk to its lowest possible point.

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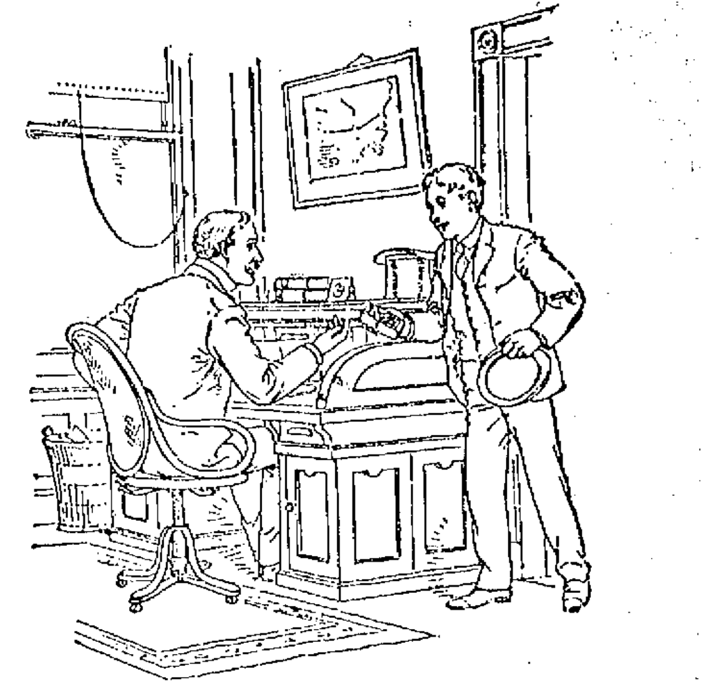

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Race War Breaks Out In Newport News

NEGROES PREYED UPON HEBREW MERCHANTS

Ex-Convict Shot on Entering a Store

THIS CAUSE A RIOT NEXT DAY

The Whole Police Force Called Out to Quell It

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 23.—Riot and bloodshed in the densely populated negro quarter known as Rockette was the culmination today of a feud between the negroes and the Hebrew residents who monopolize the retail business of that section.

The shops of the merchants have suffered from frequent depredations of late at the hands of negro desperadoes who flock here from every section of the state. Robberies have been of such frequent occurrence that many of the merchants have found it necessary to keep a night watch over their premises. At the store of Ida Romo, Sam Jacobs, Abe Levin and Sam White were on guard last night, when Phil Williams, a notorious negro ex-convict known as "Black Kid" broke into the house.

He was fired on by the three watchers who riddled his body with bullets. When the news of the killing was spread yesterday morning the negroes banded together and started in to avenge the Black Kid.

A mob 1000 strong took part in the affray that followed. The fighting began on Jefferson avenue when John Harper, colored, attacked Sam White, one of the men who had shot Williams. Isadore Kahn, a special policeman, put Harper under arrest. Razors, clubs, stones and pistols were used. The entire police force was called out. Two negroes were shot, neither of whom will die. Many were injured. The police are keeping a close watch on the negro quarter.

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LOYAL BRITAINS

TWO YOUNG MEN LEAVE LOWELL FOR THE WAR.

Lowell is to be represented in the South African war for two young men of this city have decided to return to their native heath and enlist in the English army. The names of these patriotic young Englishmen are Alfred Watson, formerly hailing from London and George Boothroid from Huddersfield, Yorkshire. The young men have been living with James G. Birtwell at 62 Whipple street while in this city and worked for the U. S. Bunting company.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Secretary Courtney states that the applications for out-door relief are not as heavy this Christmas as formerly. The improved conditions and the warm weather probably account for it.

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Sisters Badly Burned Trying to Save Them

FLEECE CAUGHT FIRE FROM GAS GET

And Whole Circle of Little Ones Was Enveloped

By Associated Press to The Sun.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 23.—Six little girls were burned to death, four probably fatally burned and eight other persons badly injured during the rehearsal of Christmas exercises of one of the classes at St. Francis school yesterday. There were 11 little girls in the class and they represented different characters. Two of them appeared as lambs and wore white fleece on their garments. The fleece on one caught fire from an open gas jet and in almost an instant the whole ring of little ones were in flames. Sisters of the school ran to the rescue and were also badly burned. Six girls died almost instantly from burns and four of the survivors will die. The dead are:

Mary Waveling.
Alma Maddendorf.
Bertha Freund.
Jose Roszewog.
Miss Hickey.
Irene Freiburg.

The badly injured are:

Josephine Bohne, Wilhelmina Cottondorf, Lena Zelger, Laura Manke, Miss Goebbing, Aleva Thupe, Jose Werner, Father Andrew Butzkuehen, Sister Ludwigus, Sister Rodolphia, Sister Theodet, Sister Ephia.

TORRES' FORCE

AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF REINFORCEMENTS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Ortiz, State of Sonora, Mexico, says that General Torres' force of troops has retired to Potam to await the arrival of the Twentieth infantry regiment and other reinforcements. The large force of Yaquis who resisted the advance of the government troops so strongly and successfully followed the retiring command all the way to Potam and picked off a number of men. The Yaquis have again withdrawn to the mountains and the only fighting that has taken place during the last few days is between marauding bands of Indians and scouting parties of government soldiers. The telegraph wires have again been cut and official dispatches which have reached Ortiz from the war department for General Torres have to be forwarded to Potam by mounted courier.

Nothing has yet been heard from the Twentieth infantry, but military men who are acquainted with the make-up of the regiment and its fighting qualities scout the idea that it has been attacked and vanquished by the Yaquis. It is claimed that the regiment has hardly had time to reach General Torres' rendezvous, as the march from the mouth of the Yaquis river is long and difficult.

ENGLAND AWAKE

SHE WILL NOT BE CAUGHT NAPPING.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—A special from Victoria, B. C., says:

Evidence of Great Britain's determination not to be caught napping at any of her outposts is afforded by the promulgation of an order that hereafter all merchant vessels wishing to enter Esquimault harbor must come to a dead stop at the entrance and signal their presence by means of a special series of whistles which have been communicated privately to the local pilots and the masters of such steam craft as may naturally be expected to visit the naval port. Much comment is excited locally by those orders taken in conjunction with the strict precautionary measures adopted at the dock and naval yards.

EMERALD ASSOCIATION

HELD A DANCE AND SOCIAL AT HIBERNIAN HALL.

A social and dance was given last night at Hibernian Hall under the auspices of the Emerald association. About 75 couples were on the floor and the affair was a success in every way. The officers who managed the dance were as follows:

General manager, Patrick Fitzgerald; assistant, Patrick Crimmins; floor director, John Fahey; assistant, James T. Enright; aids, James J. Kennedy, Patrick Wren, John Powers, James Judge, Daniel Coakley, Thomas Shea; reception committee, Michael Sullivan, chairman; Michael McMahon, John Fahey, John Powers, Hugh McGowan, James Gaffney, Patrick Crimmins, John Keefe, Patrick Fitzgerald, secretary.

PRINT WORKERS.

There will be a meeting of the Print Workers' Association tomorrow at the Burke Temperance Institute hall. Every employe of both the Hamilton and Merrimack Print Works are requested to attend, as there will be business of importance transacted.

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TERRY McGOVERN

Made Short Work of Harry Forbes

CHICAGO LAD LASTED ONE ROUND AND A HALF

Bet Made That Terry Will Beat Dixon

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Terry McGovern, the "Brooklyn Terror," quickly defeated Harry Forbes of Chicago at the New Broadway A. C. last night. The lads met for a 25-round go at 125 pounds but the battle lasted only three seconds over a round and a half.

McGovern simply outclassed his opponent, and smothered him at every turn. Both boys were in first-class shape and the Chicago boy had not a word of complaint to make after the battle.

Tonight Al. Smith bet $500 against $95 that Terry would whip Dixon. The short end of the bet was taken by a well known clubman.

McGovern opened on the aggressive, with Forbes backing. The Chicago boy made two circuits of the ring before a blow was struck. Forbes landed first, sending his left to the face. Terry sent back both hands to the body. Forbes led a left to the face again but went to a clinch, and as they broke, Terry sent a left over to the jaw. Forbes kept backing away for two more circuits of the ring. McGovern sent his right to the body, forcing Forbes into a corner, where he drove both hands to the wind and caught Forbes on the jaw with his right.

After a little fiddling in the second round Forbes landed a clean left on the face without a return. Then Terry jumped in with a right swing on the jaw which sent Forbes to the floor. He got up as the referee counted ten. They had rushed to a clinch, Terry pounding hard with both hands on body and head, but he could not beat Forbes off, the referee having to separate them. Forbes then rushed Terry to the ropes, where both indulged in terrific infighting. Forbes was not nearly as strong as McGovern and soon showed that he had enough of this close work. He backed away but Terry went after him viciously and caught him with both hands on the head. Then, with a terrific right-hand upper cut, which landed flush on the chin, he dropped Forbes to the floor.

The westerner's seconds, seeing it was all over, threw a towel into the ring. There was no necessity for this, as Forbes was completely knocked out without the shadow of a chance to recuperate. Time of round, 1 minute, 32 seconds.

The preliminary 10-round bout was between Tommy Halton and Jack Smith, both of New York. This was a hot argument. Halton was the taller by five inches, but Smith made up for his deficient stature with two good hands and he vigorously walloped Halton. Referee Johnny White awarded the bout to Smith.

FINNEGAN WHIPS M'CORMICK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The fight between Jack Finnegan of Pittsburg and Jack McCormick of Philadelphia before the Genesee Athletic association was stopped by the sheriff in the 18th round, and McCormick was saved from a knockout. Referee Hurst gave the decision to Finnegan. There were about 1500 persons present.

McCormick was knocked down in the 15th round and twice in the 18th. The decision was satisfactory.

GANS MEETS McPARTLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Joe Gans of Baltimore and "Kid" MacPartland of New York fought a six-round draw at the Fort Dearborn Athletic club last night. Both men were fast but very little damage was done, as they appeared afraid to take chances.

Henry Lyons, the local feather-weight, disposed of Jack Hanlon, a lightweight of New York in five rounds.

ON SUSPICION

WILLIAM BENNETT ARRESTED AT WORCESTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Dec. 23.—William Bennett was arrested here last night on suspicion of having murdered Asa Bennett, the octogenarian farmer in Hubbardston Thursday night. Bennett was arrested in a Front street barroom by Detectives O'Day and Stone. He had come from Boston on an early evening train and was with a companion, Geo. Glazier, who had also been on the Boston trip. Glazier was allowed to go after an examination at police headquarters.

The arrest was made about 8 o'clock and the men were secretly examined in the office of the chief before it was decided to lock up Bennett. The officers had no doubt of Glazier's innocence and allowed him to depart. Bennett is held as a suspicious person, but the police feel that they have made an important capture, although they hesitate to accuse him of the murder.

The arrest was made as a result of a hard day's work by the officers. Early this morning they learned that two men had come to this city in a team from Hubbardston. State Detective P. F. Murray, who was in Hubbardston, was telephoned the information, and he asked for the arrest of the men.

TEN KILLED

IN THE DISASTER AT AMALFI YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 23.—It now appears that the disaster at Amalfi, on the Gulf of Salerno, yesterday afternoon, caused by the rock on which stood the Capuccini hotel, sliding bodily into the sea, was not so extensive as at first supposed. Only ten persons were killed.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following pension changes resulting from the issue of December 11th, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original widows, etc.—Mary J. Howard, West Medway, $8.

Original widows, special accrued 11—Miriam C. Haskell, Newburyport, $8.

SAVED BY INDIANS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Settlers living around Little Lake in Chelcoo, B. C., have been attacked by Indians, who object to white settlers. Two weeks ago they surrounded Rancher Franklin and his neighbors and threatened to murder them if they did not leave the country. In a fight which followed several redskins were wounded. Becoming alarmed eight families started for Al-Nia Creek, but when three miles from home they were surrounded and captured and feared they would be shot. They were saved through the intervention of friendly Indians.

THE ORDINATIONS

At St. John's Seminary Brighton Yesterday

TWENTY FIVE YOUNG MEN CONSECRATED

To Lives of Sacrifice and Religious Labor

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The annual Christmastide ordinations took place yesterday morning at the cathedral of the Holy Cross, when 25 young levites from St. John's seminary, Brighton, were elevated to the priesthood.

The services began at 8 a. m. and were witnessed by one of the largest gatherings ever seen in the edifice. Within the sanctuary rail were seated many priests from parishes in Boston and its vicinity, beside a goodly number from the seminary.

The procession entered the church a few minutes after 8. It was headed by two cross bearers, who proceeded the seminarians in minor orders. The candidates for ordination were next in line, then came the officiating clergymen, and last of all Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas D. Beaven of Springfield, who officiated in place of His Grace Archbishop Williams, who was somewhat indisposed.

The newly ordained priests are: Revs. Messrs. Eugene A. Carney, John M. A. Corrigan, James H. Courtney, James M. Doran, William H. Finnick, John J. Fitzgerald, Francis J. Kenney, Thomas J. Lee, Edward C. Mitchell, James R. McNulty, John J. O'Hearn, John M. Farrel, Thomas J. Golding, Thomas R. McCoy, Thomas P. McMannon, William J. Murphy, John T. Stinson, James E. Welsh, for the archdiocese of Boston; Henry J. Noon, John J. Noon, James F. McKeon, for the diocese of Providence; Thomas J. McDermott, James B. Murphy, William Cunningham, and Francis P. Curran for the diocese of Springfield; John A. Conlan, for the diocese of Hartford.

The following were ordained deacons: Rev. Messrs. Miles D. Kiley, James H. Phelan, John J. Powers, William H. Walsh, Michael A. Butler, Francis Cronin, Mathew J. Gleason, Henry M. Lyons, Charles J. Ring, for the archdiocese of Boston; Cornelius J. Holland, Austin J. O'Toole, William J. Nagle, for the diocese of Providence.

Those ordained sub-deacons were: Rev. Walter A. Gagan for the archdiocese of Boston, Rev. Messrs. William Judge and Reinerd Burdeck, for the diocese of Hartford; Rev. John George W. Welch for the diocese of Springfield; Rev. Herbert A. Hennon for the diocese of Manchester.

Rt. Rev. John J. Brady, auxiliary bishop of Boston, conferred minor orders at the seminary, Brighton, last Wednesday on the following: John J. Crane, James J. Lucy, Peter J. McCormick, Dennis H. Brown, J. Albert Crowley, Edwar H. Kenney, Joseph P. Lawless, Hugh M. McDermott, Albert C. Mullin, Michael J. O'Connor, and Leo F. O'Neill for the archdiocese of Boston.

At the same time tonsure was conferred upon the following: John J. Harrington, Dennis J. Murphy, Thomas E. McNally, James D. Canaire, William J. Farrel, Maurice F. Flynn, Thomas C. Harrigan, James T. Landrigan, Michael F. Madden, Charles J. Maguire, John P. Sheehan, Richard H. Solaine and Benjamin F. Teeling, for the archdiocese of Boston.

At the conclusion of the mass the newly ordained priests received the congratulations of parents, relatives and friends, after which they imparted their blessings to them. They will now enjoy a week's vacation, after which they will be assigned to churches in their respective dioceses.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 32.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity:—Fair tonight Sunday threatening, probably with rain; easterly winds.

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TERRIFIC SHOCK

Seventy Five Men Entombed in Mine

THE EXPLOSION WAS TERRIBLE

Blow Over the Tipple at Top of Shaft

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 23.—An explosion occurred at the Basnell Coal Works, four miles from here today. Sixty men are reported entombed. The tipple is wrecked. Messengers have been sent here for doctors.

A Uniontown dispatch received at Pittsburg says that 75 men were entombed and probably killed by the explosion in the Basnell mine. The force of the explosion was so great that the tipple at the head of the shaft was blown over. The Basnell mine is located four miles from Brownsville on the Redstone railroad. Physicians are now on their way to the scene of the disaster.

ROMANTIC LIFE

Of Former Superintendent of N.Y.N.H. & H. Road

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A story revealing the romantic life of Elbridge G. Allen, former superintendent of the N. Y., N. H., and H. railroad company, which ended recently by a self-inflicted bullet wound in a New York hotel, is unraveling in the Suffolk County probate court before Judge McKim.

The situation is dramatic. Two attractive women sat confronting each other one on the witness stand, the other in the spectators' seats, for more than two hours, while the former related circumstances of her marriage to a young blacksmith who subsequently became the active head of a big railroad corporation—a marriage which the other declares was never performed. The scene is the first in a litigation involving both women and the estate of Mr. Allen.

Harriet E. Allen of Portland, Me., the first wife of the deceased, petitions the court to appoint her administratrix of the estate of her husband, Elbridge G. Allen. The petition is opposed by Mrs. Flora E. Allen of Uxbridge the second wife.

The first Mrs. Allen has a son 22 years old and he appeared in court. He is a bright looking young fellow and listened to his mother's testimony with intense interest. Elbridge G. Allen, Jr., is the boy's name.

His mother was separated from his father Jan. 1, 1881.

Mr. Allen was well known in railroad circles. Sept. 25 last it became known through the press that he had committed suicide in a New York hotel. Near his bedside was found a slip of paper bearing the following: "Notify my wife, Flora E. Allen, Uxbridge, Mass.

Mrs. Harriet E. Allen is rather spare of figure, a brunette and prepossessing in appearance. She was attired in black. Mrs. Flora E. Allen is of larger build. She is dignified and of striking figure. Her attire is stylish, like that of Mrs. Harriet Allen.

H. S. Boutwell and Jesse Grove appear for the petitioner; C. F. Choate and Maxwell represent the respondent.

A BIG MYSTERY

For the Local Police to Solve

A POLE AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

Is Now Between Life and Death

HE WAS FOUND IN AN ALLEY

And Nobody Knows How He Was Injured

The Lowell police have another dark mystery to solve. Stanislaw Laerenski, a Pole, is now lying at St. John's hospital hovering between life and death. He is unconscious and the doctors say he is suffering from concussion of the brain. Nobody knows how the man was injured. It may have been an accident or it may have been a case of foul play.

Laerenski roomed with a Polish family at 86 William street, and it was from them that what little information that has been gained was obtained. Being unfamiliar with the English language, it is almost impossible to obtain many details, but their story is substantially as follows:

Laerenski is employed in one of the mills and upon returning from work Wednesday evening he announced his intention of going to Lawrence. He told them upon his return that he went down on the 6.30 car and that he had one glass of beer while there. He returned to the house at 10.30 and retired for the night. Shortly after retiring, he arose and announced his intention to one of the family of going to the door. As he did not return, after waiting some little time, the man of the house went to the door in quest of his roomer. Not finding him at the door, he began to look about the street and finally found Laerenski clothed only in underwear, lying prostrate in the alley adjoining the tenement.

He spoke to his roomer, but the latter was unable to answer him. The man was then carried into the house where he lay speechless and practically lifeless all day Thursday and Thursday night. No physician had been summoned during all this time and when Friday noon Laerenski was still unconscious the ambulance was called and the injured man was taken to St. John's hospital.

An examination of Laerenski's injuries was made at the hospital and it revealed the fact that he had sustained a concussion of the brain. He is still unconscious and his recovery is doubtful. No indications of paralysis were discovered and in fact he seemed to have the free use of his limbs as he thrashed about the bed almost continuously.

Upon the removal of the unfortunate man to the hospital, the police were notified and the inspectors went immediately to work on the case, but owing to the general ignorance of the English language in that district they made comparatively little headway. However, they are inclined to the opinion that the injury was the result of an accident as it is possible that he went to Lawrence for more than one glass of beer.

DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23.—The decision in the case of the city of Pittsburg vs. State Senator William Flynn and others for $200,000 damages, was handed down at the opening of court today by Judge White. The defendants were acquitted.

The suit was in trespass and was based on the allegation that ex-Assistant City Attorney W. H. House had loaned city money to Senator Flynn.

ELECTION CONFIRMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Emperor William has at last confirmed the election of Herr Kirschner, as chief burgomaster of Berlin. His majesty announced his decision, at today's unveiling of the monument to his ancestor, Elector George William, in the Siegos Alee.

FUNERALS.

PLIMPTON.—Very impressive services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of the late Albert B. Plimpton, at his home, 6 Favor street. The services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Green. There was singing by Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Davis. Delegations from Monomake Encampment and Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F., and Columbia council, American Mechanics, were present. The bearers were members of the different societies of which the deceased was a member. Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F., held services at the grave. Interment was in the Lowell cemetery under the direction of Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck.

HART—Yesterday afternoon services were held at the warerooms of J. A. Weinbeck over the remains of Mrs. Adella A. Hart, who died at the Lowell General hospital Thursday, Rev. R. A. Green officiating. There were delegations present from Ladd and Whitney Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., Evening Star lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, of which the deceased was a member. The services were in charge of the Daughters of Rebekah. There was singing by a quartet. Her remains were sent to Madison, N. Y., last night for interment by Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck. Deceased is survived by a husband, Henry E. Hart, and one brother. She was 51 years old and a prominent member of fraternal organizations.

CLARK—The funeral of Flora G. Clark took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 4 Crane's avenue. Rev. Bawley Green officiated and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Johnson. Mrs. W. H. Pepin sang appropriate selections. The bearers were Messrs. Wilson, Butler, Baker and Day. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker C. M. Young.

MOORE—The funeral of John Moore will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home, 375 Lincoln street.

McARDELL—The funeral of Edward J. McArdell, who was run over by a freight train at Lawrence and died later at an hospital in that city, took place this morning from the home of his father, 50 West street. A mass of requiem was solemnized at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock, Rev. John J. Gilday officiating. The funeral cortege then moved to the Catholic cemetery for interment. The funeral was largely attended by sorrowing friends and relatives of the deceased. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes, including the following: Large pillow inscribed "Brother" from the family; spray of chrysanthemums Mr. and Mrs. James H. McMahon; cross inscribed "At Rest," Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Custy; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. George Pheasy; star, clerks of S. H. Knox & Co.'s store. Rev. John J. Gilday read the committal prayers at the grave. Undertaker O'Donnell had charge of the burial.

PROSPERITY AT NORTH CHELMSFORD.

North Chelmsford is enjoying the general prosperity which has struck this part of the country after a too long absence. The mill is rushing matters and the iron foundry, which generally sends out help at this time of year, is retaining them this winter.

THE MAINE

SIAILED FOR CAPE TOWN TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The American hospital ship Maine sailed from the West Indian docks for Cape Town at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon minus five of the male assistants supplied from the New York hospitals. One of these men is said to have expected promotion to a non-commissioned officer's rank. He succeeded in enlisting four friends who a moment before the ship sailed, notified Major Cabelle of their refusal to go, saying that one of their number was ill and that they had determined to stay. Major Cabelle informed them that their friend had been left in good hands, and that there was no reason to desert. The men, however, made other complaints, whereupon Major Cobelle informed them that they had had plenty of time to consider this before hand, but if they refused to go they must step off the rails and leave the ship. This the men did, standing on the deck they shouted: "We are too good Americans to leave a sick friend here for anyone."

FRANK SMILES

Mr. Frank Jones of Pollard street is full of smiles over the arrival of a 12 pound baby boy, who arrived yesterday. The mother and child are doing nicely.

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MR. JAMES A. MURPHY, Tenor.
MR. DAVID P. MARTIN, Bass.
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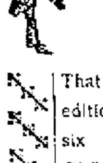


ARE YOU AWARE

That THE SUN issues three editions daily,—two, five and six o'clock? *The Night Edition,* six o'clock, is on the street at five o'clock. It contains all the latest local and telegraphic news. It is the only paper in Lowell that has all the news, and that is why it prints more copies daily than any two other local papers combined. If you have not been getting the night edition, tell your newsboy or dealer that you want it. Compare it with the other papers and you will be convinced that it has the news from twelve to twenty-four hours ahead of its contemporaries.

A Merry Christmas to all.

So the police pension act has been accepted by the city and now the board of police will proceed to apply it to the members who are within the age limit.

General Buller has retreated to a safe distance, and in so doing he has shown better generalship than did General Methuen, whose retreat is probably cut off.

We presume that General Buller is now personally conducting that commission that he appointed to appraise the damages to Natal by the Boer invasion. Perhaps he thought that after he had finished his Christmas dinner in Pretoria he would call upon Oom Paul to settle.

On Monday the Christmas festival will be observed in the usual manner by religious services, grand musical programs, exchange of gifts and general wishing of joy. There is just a little danger that the conventional observance of the feast will in some places overshadow its real meaning as the commemoration of the nativity of the Savior.

The aldermen, it seems, rather put themselves in the hole by ordering the electric light wires on Andover street under ground in violation of the ordinance which forbids a newly macadamized street to be torn up for five years after the macadam has been put on. Is not this an attempt to put the ordinance under ground?

Mayor Quincy has signed an order for a line of automobile vehicles in Boston, so that the people of Boston will soon be on a level with the European cities that use these new fangled conveyances very largely. As the bicycle and the electric car superseded the horse, so the automobile will largely supersede both and will serve for family use, thus overcoming the objections to the bicycle, which is used individually except in case of the horrid tandems, sextettes, and so on.

Some of the British aristocrats are volunteering for service in South Africa, and some, like the Duke of Marlboro, are to furnish troops of their own. In the various defeats inflicted by the Boers on the British the latter got the credit of making an orderly retreat, combined, we presume, with all necessary speed. That is more, we opine, than the aristocratic volunteers will be able to do if they ever get within range of the Boer guns.

The American Federation of Labor showed good judgment in re-electing Mr. Gompers as president and by denouncing the imperial policy in the interests of labor, as shown by the following resolution:

We (the A. F. of L.) are opposed to all wars of conquest, whether carried on in Africa or in the Philippines; that we most emphatically protest against the forcible annexation to this country of either Porto Rico, Cuba, Guam or the Philippines; that we are equally opposed to any increase in the army of the United States beyond the limit of 25,000 men and officers; and that the executive council and the legislative committee are hereby instructed to use every means in their power to carry out the provisions of this resolution."

The conservative press in England is alarmed at being left unprotected while the entire British army is sent out to South Africa. What if Russia would make a move that might destroy the balance of power? What if she makes a move upon India, or to take the lion's share of China? Oh, horrible of horribles, what a national calamity it would be if England's possessions should be invaded while her chief generals and practically all of her regular army are engaged in South Africa! There is a growing sentiment in London in favor of abandoning the war and taking Oom Paul at his word, as he says he will settle on easy terms, being willing to give England time enough to pay the war indemnity.

A WORD FOR THE SUN.

"Newspaperdom," a New York publication, has the following regarding the Sun's libel suit victory:

The Lowell (Mass.) Sun, sued for libel by the manager of the Lowell opera house for printing an adverse but truthful criticism of a performance, has secured in the superior court a favorable decision, sustaining the judgment obtained in a former trial.

The play under fire was criticized as indecent and vulgar, so the manager of the opera house brought suit. As indicated, the newspaper won.

This is a victory for the newspaper which might have been anticipated. And it is to be hoped that the example of The Sun may be freely followed.

It is as much the province and privilege of a newspaper to criticize adversely where such criticism is justified as to laud where such subject is meritorious.

A newspaper, in its position as the purveyor of intelligence about current happenings, has a perfect right to criticize what goes on in a public place. Indeed, it is its duty to do so. And it is surely a duty it owes to its readers to criticize adversely a performance meriting condemnation.

It is however too often the case that newspapers withhold just condemnation fearing the effect of such criticism on future advertising.

Newspaperdom is glad that the Lowell Sun ignored possible loss of revenue, and did its duty by its readers.

WHEN THE 20TH CENTURY OPENS.

It seems that in spite of all that has been said some people are not convinced that the twentieth century will not begin until January 1, 1901. If plain statements will not suffice to convince the skeptical, we will give plain figures without any argument, and surely the figures will not lie. The date of commencement and date of closing for each of the twenty centuries are given below and if anybody will count from January 1, 1900, until December 31, 2000, they will find that they have not a hundred years, but 101 years, which is more than a century, as it includes one year taken from the 19th century.

Jan. 1, year of 1, 1st century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 100, 1st century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 101, 2d century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 200, 2d century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 201, 3d century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 300, 3d century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 301, 4th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 400, 4th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 401, 5th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 500, 5th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 501, 6th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 600, 6th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 601, 7th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 700, 7th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 701, 8th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 800, 8th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 801, 9th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 900, 9th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 901, 10th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1000, 10th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1001, 11th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1100, 11th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1101, 12th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1200, 12th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1201, 13th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1300, 13th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1301, 14th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1400, 14th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1401, 15th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1500, 15th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1501, 16th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1600, 16th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1601, 17th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1700, 17th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1701, 18th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1800, 18th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1801, 19th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 1900, 19th century ends.

Jan. 1, year of 1901, 20th century opens.
Dec. 31, year of 2000, 20th century ends.

CRISP GOSSIP.

There's an absent-minded newspaper man in one of our local editorial rooms, and I saw him make a funny "break" a few days ago. The gas over his desk had bothered him some and removing the large glass globe he started in to investigate the mechanism of the burner. The globe is one of these paperweight affairs and as the newspaper man fiddled with the burner with his right hand he held the globe in his left. Having investigated it to his satisfaction, he went into his vest pocket with the free hand. Not finding one on that side he released his hold on the globe and shoved his left hand into the other pocket and come out of his dream as the globe struck the floor with a crash.

NEW DRILL SHED.

Owing to the unusual amount of fine weather and the diligence of those in charge, the work on the new high school armory is progressing rapidly, and if the present conditions continue the new building will be roofed in a few weeks.

The building when completed, will be used as a manual training school, and will contain rooms and equipment for instruction in carpenter work, machine work and work in the blacksmith shop.

A feature of the building will be the large drill hall for the high school regiment. It will be about the same size as the drill shed in the state armory on Westford street and in addition will have a gallery on all four sides, which will seat about 700 people. About eight class rooms and a large drawing room will be provided over the drill hall for school purposes in connection with the manual training instruction. The architect of the building is Mr Harry Prescott Graves. The building promises to be one of the best in the state.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

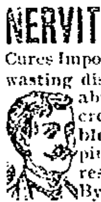
TO THE EMPLOYES OF THE J. C. AYER COMPANY.

Treasurer Rose of the J. C. Ayer Co. treated the employes of that big establishment to a genuine and agreeable surprise yesterday, when the paymaster made his rounds. Mr. Rose in behalf of the company, presented every employe a cash Christmas gift equal to 10 per cent. of his or her weekly stipend.

SUCCESSFUL DANCE.

A successful dance was held at Bay State hall last night. It was attended by a good sized crowd and a good time was enjoyed by all. Keyes' orchestra furnished music during the evening and dancing was enjoyed until nearly midnight. The following was the committee in charge of the affair:

General manager, George McVicker; assistant, Thomas F. Kenney; floor director, George Shanks.



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Mrs. L. A. Clifford of 331 Worthen street says: "I had the good fortune to learn about Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box at Ellingwood & Co's drug store, corner Merrimack and Central streets. The use of this remedy brought such quick and lasting relief that I gladly recommend it to others."

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COMPLAINTS HEARD

AT SESSION OF INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The hearing before the inter-state commerce commission called on account of complaints made by shippers against the proposed new classification of freight by railroads operating under the "Official Classification" was resumed yesterday.

By agreement, Frank Harriott, general traffic manager of the Erie railroad and a member of the "Official Classification committee" went on the witness stand to testify as to the new classification. He reiterated Mr. Gill's statement of yesterday, that the new classification was adopted because the railways absolutely needed the increased revenues.

Inquiries developed the admission by Mr. Harriott, that, on the average, miscellaneous cars carrying articles paying less than carload rates were being more heavily loaded now than heretofore and therefore, that the earnings of that class of traffic were greater.

It developed at this point that at a meeting of shippers and those representing their interests, former attorney general of Ohio, F. S. Monnett, J. H. Bromwell, and Mortimer Matthews of Cincinnati, had been appointed to present to the commission the action of the shippers. Mr. Monnett presented a set of resolutions adopted by the commercial interests directing attention to testimony adduced at the present hearing showing, it was maintained, discriminations by the railroads, against the small shippers in favor of the large shippers and to the fact that the railroads had declined to extend the time for the new classification to go into effect. These resolutions were supplemented by a petition by a large majority of the shippers in attendance upon the hearing asking that the commission lay the testimony before the attorney general of the United States with a view to have him bring action against railroads to prevent the new classification from becoming effective on January 1, 1900.

For some time the attorneys of the shippers argued in favor of the commission, maintaining that the commission had no more authority to make recommendations to the attorney general than had representatives of the shippers.

It was determined finally that the shippers would offer some testimony and H. W. Brown, representing Schofield, Schner & Teagle of Cleveland, O., was sworn. He said the new classifications on petroleum would be absolutely ruinous to small shippers.

Mr. Brown said the small shippers of oil could not successfully compete with the Standard Oil company.

D. H. De Coyer, a carriage manufacturer of Cincinnati, testified that the proposed increase in the classification of vehicles would be destructive of competition throughout the country.

This closed the testimony and the hearing was adjourned.

GREAT ACTIVITY

GOING ON AT THE LOCAL POST OFFICE.

This morning the annual Christmas rush started at the post office, though during the week there has been a steady flow of people at the stamp window with bundles, boxes and letters, and as the time passes the line of people seem to increase instead of diminishing.

On Christmas day there will be, as usual, one delivery at 8 o'clock in the morning for the entire city. Down town in the business centre the mail will be delivered all day, as usual. The carriers will deliver packages as far as it is possible to do so, but in order to accommodate people who wish to get their Christmas mail on time cards will be sent to those who have packages in the office that cannot be delivered at once. In some of the residential sections of the city it is not unusual for the carrier to have on his route 500 or 600 packages, so it can be readily seen that it is impossible for all to reach their destination promptly. Christmas day and the day following there will be four or five extra carriers, but the extra allowance is not large enough to provide for the prompt delivery of all the Christmas packages. Notifications are sent in order to enable the people to get their presents earlier, rather than to save the carriers.

The great flood of incoming mail will be on Sunday and Monday. Then the full force of clerks and carriers will be kept busy, instead of working alternate Sundays, as usual. All the mail that it is possible for the carriers to handle will be sent out on the 8 o'clock delivery Monday morning.

SOCIAL LABOR PARTY.

There will be a public meeting of the Social Labor party at Bay State hall Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Joseph Maloney of Winchester will address the meeting.

Mr. Charles H. Hooks, cashier of the Globe bank of Boston, is a Lowell man who has many friends here that will wish him clear sailing through the trouble which has come upon his bank.

THE CANDIDATES

Are Filled With Hope and Fear

CHANGES IN FIGHT FOR SUPT. OF STREETS

Ether S. Foss Now in the Fight

The information that the republican members of the new city government will not caucus on Inauguration Day in order to select candidates for the municipal offices has been heard with delight by the candidates in the many-sided contests for it means that one man is as good as another until the very finish. Take the city messenger contest, for instance. There are 17 candidates out for it up to date and 26 members of their own party to vote for them. It would take a month to settle on a man and then there would be 16 soreheads because each one left would claim that he could have had democratic votes had he been given a show. With a fair field and no favor it will be a merry war and maybe there'll not be some tall dickering and promising. The candidates as far as I can remember are Frank M. Fagan, democratic; and Lorenzo E. Smith, C. Frank Going, Fred Timmins, William E. Savage, Walter E. Hodgman, James McDowell, Fred Humphries, Homer Turcotte, Joseph Bergeron, Arthur Lyman, Patrick Falvey, George C. Evans, and Daniel G. McVey. Then there are others whose names I cannot at present recall. It will be a long fight and at present it looks like Fagan.

Though Laforest Beals says that he hasn't asked them as yet, his friends claim that he will have all the democratic votes against Supt. Cheney in the fight for the latter's job. If Beals wins and his chances are extremely good, the job which he holds at present will be vacant and it would make an acceptable berth for some worthy democrat while the assistant superintendency of streets should have a democrat holding it down. While the democratic members are not strong enough to land any of the big offices, they certainly hold the balance of power in all contests and by united action should pull out a couple of good "assistant" jobs for the party. Beals has always been friendly toward the democrats while Cheney has ignored them. Their memories are long.

Chairman Poore of the republican city committee having laid down his burden is putting up a great fight in his own behalf and the signs indicate that at last he is to get something more substantial than talk for his efforts in past years. While George was not the most scrupulous politician in the world, he nevertheless stands better with the democrats today than does Squire Qua, although that isn't saying much; for a third candidate could go in and defeat both of them as far as the democrats are concerned. A young man named Duncan, whom no one ever heard of before, is said to be a candidate, but as he has been admitted to the bar only recently it is doubtful if he will be seriously considered though they say he is a promising young man. James G. Hill, Jr., son of Capt. J. G., is also mentioned. Mr. Hill, while a clever and promising young barrister, is hardly old enough in the law to cut much of a figure in a contest for so important a position. With Poore and Qua the only contestants, Poore appears to be the stronger candidate.

"Gillow wants to hustle if he's going to win," said a councilman to me at city hall, yesterday. Gillow is hustling while Varnum lately is putting up a great fight among both democrats and republicans. Varnum believes that he has a first claim on the office, having held it until ousted by the supreme court in the famous quo warranto case which John J. Hogan, Esq., conducted on behalf of Ex-Supt Richard Bray. Gillow, on the other hand, states that there can be no adverse criticism of his administration and for that reason he believes he is entitled to a second term. Gillow has and was not offensively partisan though he never forgot the fact that he is a republican. His friends are much incensed over the reported opposition of Capt. Mitten to his cause. They claim that the captain should take off his coat to his lieutenant rather than try to defeat him. Republicans like republics are ungrateful.

Supt. Wyman and Col. Pinder generally turn up at City Hall at least once a day and it is always their questionable fortune to meet. They exchange greetings with frost-bitten cordiality and one goes on to "do" the other. The remarkable feature of this contest is the fact that while there are only nine to vote on the question, each candidate is confident that he has a sufficient number to elect him which shows that one of the candidates is "on a rope." However, Secy. Courtney will be re-elected before either Pinder or Wyman is considered.

The Pinder-Wyman contest is a bitter one because it is a part of several of the fights, notably the Hayes-McKinley row. The Hayes forces are out for Pinder and the McKinleyites for Wyman. During the recent city election Hayes republicans turned out for Crowley because Putnam favored McKinley and one of them a member of the republican city committee went into ward one and fought McKenzie simply because worked for McKinley.

Even the good old "has beens" are becoming rejuvenated for ex-Councilman John Oliver is a candidate for superintendent of commons. Oliver isn't going to be forgotten yet awhile and he'll give the young fellows quite a hustle. Whittet has the inside track because he's there and his brother Willie is an alderman, but Alex. Mack and Jack Tilton are in the game too, and Charlie isn't any too strong because of his independence while in office.

If his views and those of the committee on commons clashed at any time this year, Charlie invariably followed out his own views.

The fight for presidency of the Common Council is narrowing down to Councilmen Pickering and Walker and will be a most interesting contest. The Walkerites are making a cry against Pickering because he is a first year man, stating that he is making a bid for two years of it. Mr. Pickering's friends however state that their candidate is not out for two years. In this contest, the democrats will hold the balance of power again; more power to them.

Peter Mealey of ward two is one of the few prominent republican hustlers who is not a candidate for anything. He will continue to do the sparrow act in Merrimack square just as if there were not a republican in city hall.

There is some talk of George C. Evans pulling out of the fight for city messenger and jumping in with Cheney and Beals for superintendent of streets. He'd stand a better chance there than in with the 16.

MORPHINE VICTIM

Descendant of Hero Lawrence Dying

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Isaac A. Lawrence, sixty-seven years old, is dying in Bellevue hospital, a victim of morphine. He is a descendant of that Lawrence who epitomized the spirit of the American navy when he said: "Don't give up the ship." He was once wealthy but lost his fortune a few years ago. Two children, aged five and six, have been taken charge of by the Charity Association, on Twentieth street, while a baby three years old is being cared for by Mrs. Martha Schwartz of No. 142 West One Hundred and First street, formerly employed as a nurse in the family.

An older son, William, eighteen years old, left the Lawrence apartment in No. 129 West Eighty-first street, Wednesday, with his mother, and neither has since returned, although the door of the apartment stands open. Within all is disorder.

Isaac Lawrence was poor during his early manhood. He was left a fortune of $150,000 at the age of forty. Then he married a pretty young woman, who bore him seventeen children, all but four of whom are dead. The living are William, eighteen years old; Laurie, six; Lester, five, and Isaac, three.

He went to Mexico with his bride, made fortunes and lost them, and returned to New York several years ago with a few thousand dollars.

He established his family in apartments at No. 58 West Ninety-third street. They moved to West Thirty-eighth street fourteen months ago, and last October took the flat in Eighty-first street.

Lawrence had not the courage to fight against ill-luck and began the use of morphine.

The Lawrence family had been in the Eighty-first street apartment but a few days when the neighbors noticed their strange life. Miss Burroughs of district No. 7 of the Charity association, was requested to investigate. She found in the Lawrence apartment an extraordinary condition of affairs. The little boys, nearly naked, were playing on a costly Oriental rug, faded and the nap turned, with a broken Sevres vase and silver they had knocked down from the sideboard. The father was lying down half conscious in a morphine stupor, and Mrs. Lawrence was also under the influence of the drug, it is said.

The two oldest children were taken to the institution on Thirteenth street. The youngest was taken in charge by Mrs. Schwartz of No. 142 West One Hundred and First street.

Mrs. Lawrence had mortgaged her furniture to a Lawrence company to get money on which to live. All day yesterday and up to late last night Mrs. Lawrence had not returned to the apartment which she had left the day before.

A GAME SUPPER.

Ex-Alderman Elwin W. Lovejoy entertained a party of friends with a game supper at the St. Charles Hotel, last evening, and a merry time was enjoyed.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB.

The Tuesday morning recital is omitted. Wednesday, Dec. 27, choral class. A full attendance is urgently desired.

Monday, Jan. 1 reception and club tea at 3.30 o'clock p. m. There will be short speeches by the officers of the state federation at 4 o'clock, a recital by the Carl Baer quartet, followed by the reception from 4.30 to 6 o'clock. This afternoon is reserved for club members, the holders of transferred tickets, their out-of-town guests and the guests of the club.

Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, recital, composer Mendelssohn.

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2, literature department, Browning class, conducted by Miss Julia E. Ward.

Wednesday, Jan. 3, choral class.

Thursday, Jan. 4, lecture by Hamilton Mabie, subject, "Some Hints from Nature."

The work of the history department, Mrs. F. W. Clark, chairman will begin Monday, Jan. 15th, with a lecture by Miss Anna B. Thompson. Attention is called to the course of historical readings suggested by Miss Thompson and printed on the club calendar.

DEBATERS MET.

A meeting of the Debating club was held yesterday afternoon in Room 20 Lowell High school, and the subject of debate was: "Resolved, that a college situated in the city is preferable to one located in the country." It was a floor debate, the principal speakers being Messrs. Ford, Cutter, Haworth, Goddard and Wright. A large number of old members of the school being home from college during the Christmas holidays. The debate was very interesting as well as instructive.

TOURNAMENT POSTPONED.

The Alpine club and Knights of Columbus tournament scheduled for last evening has been postponed to next Friday evening, owing to the many other attractions of Christmas week. The session will be held at the rooms of the Alpine club.

GAMES POSTPONED.

The game scheduled to take place last night at the Y. M. C. I. alleys between Teams Four and Five was cancelled, owing to the non-appearance of some of the rollers. The game scheduled for Monday night will be postponed and played off later in the tournament.

COURT WILL NOT INTERFERE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States Supreme court yesterday announced its refusal to interfere in the case of Edward Clifford, under sentence of death in Hudson county, N. J. for murder committed in 1896. The case came to this court on an appeal from a denial of a writ of habeas corpus by the United States court for the district of New Jersey. Clifford has been under sentence of death three times. The supreme court directed that its mandate issue immediately.

A COSTLY DRUNK.

Thomas Doyle, a young man employed to drive a team by his brother, sold the outfit to an expressman yesterday afternoon for the sum of $10, and got drunk with a portion of the proceeds. While in this condition he was picked up by Officer J. B. Crowley and sent to the police station, where he was booked for drunkenness. Whether his brother will press a charge of larceny remains to be seen.

BETRAYS MOTHER

In Order to Win His Suit

SUED FOR HIS WIFE'S PROPERTY

Claimed His Mother Had Two Husbands

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Canadian, Alphonse Verrault, had to say yesterday in a hearing before John Vincent, as referee, at No. 32 Nassau street, that his mother knew, while she lived in New York as the wife of Norman F. Howe, that her husband was alive in Canada.

Alphonse Verrault had to say this. If he did not say it, Howe's claim that Mrs. Verrault, ignorant that her husband still lived, was his wife in the common law, and that his gifts to her were in their allied interest would defeat Verrault's suit for the property.

Verrault had to say that she had no illusion of that sort. It had seemed to Verreault a simple thing to say. He had sued Mr. Howe, administrator of his mother's estate, to regain her property for himself and his nephews.

Mr. Howe said: "Neither Mrs. Verrault nor I knew that her husband, Dominique Verrault was alive. We were not married at church, because she was not sure of his death. He abandoned her 35 years ago. Her property was mine. I had given it to her on condition that it would revert to me if she died. We were as husband and wife. Her first husband, her children by her first husband, were not in her mind for an instant."

Mrs. Verreault died in September. Her acquaintances here had known her for 25 years as Mrs. Howe. Mr. Howe obtained letters of administration easily. Alphonse Verrault intervened. He has a power of attorney from his father, Dominique Verrault, and from his late brother, Dominique Verrault, Jr. They are his mother's heirs.

He had to say that his mother deceived Howe expressly, if he was deceived; otherwise his suit would fail.

Verrault's counsel aided him by questions that were leading, that required only a "yes" or a "no." Verrault is not learned; he is not refined in manner. He has a dull face, wider at the chin than at the forehead, and has the air of one who will do what his idea of necessity dictates, come what may.

He hesitated. The question whether he he had talked to his mother of her husband in Canada since she called herself Mrs. Howe in New York was put to him in French, in English, in patois of Quebec. He replied to it in his interest, finally. He said yes. But his struggle of filial reverence against interest and, perhaps, hatred of Howe, must have been intense.

Mr. Howe shook his head deprecatingly. He is tall, well built and impressively dignified. He has large, dark eyes under black eyebrows, a close-cropped white beard, a clean-shaven upper lip. He is a retired commission merchant. In his indignant eyes one read easily resentment at the idea that Mrs. Verrault was aware that her husband was living at St. Edward, or at Point Levi, in Canada.

Her son, Alphonse, and his elder brother, Dominique, lived with her here from 1865 to 1875. Alphonse Verrault said he gave to her news of his father in 1882 and several times afterward, in his occasional visits to New York. Mr. Howe looked at him in amazement. He said that Mr. Howe read the letters that the sons wrote to their mother from Canada—letters in which Dominique Verrault, Sr., was mentioned—and replied to them.

Dominique Verrault is 80 years of age. He lives at Point Levi, province of Quebec, in the home of his son, Alphonse.

A notary from there came here to say that the old man was not in his dotage, that he had a good memory and talked logically. The notary, George Simeon Theberge, could not understand English, it had to be translated to him.

He gave a copy of the record made by a priest of the Church of St. Jean Port-Joli, of Dominique Verrault's marriage to Zelie Charron, whom her friends here knew as Zelie Verrault Howe. Mr. Theberge said that Dominique Verrault had never received a notice of his wife's desire to be divorced from him. He wept at the news of her death that the notary gave him.

James P. Nieman is the attorney for Verrault; J. P. Solomon the attorney for Howe. The testimony is to be continued on January 2 at 2 p. m.

HEARTLESS THIEF

ROBBED WIDOW'S HOUSE WHILE SHE ATTENDED HER HUSBAND'S FUNERAL.

When Mrs. Eliza Thompson returned from attending her husband's funeral Thursday afternoon she found a man in her house at 71 Railroad street. He had effected an entrance by means of a duplicate key, according to Mrs. Thompson, and was searching the different rooms for valuables. Mrs. Thompson locked the door and opening the window yelled for assistance. The intruder coolly unlocked the door with his duplicate key and made his escape. After he had gone, Mrs. Thompson investigated to learn if he had taken anything and found a clock missing. She called at the police station and notified the inspectors.

Mrs. Thompson's husband, William, it will be remembered, was the war veteran who dropped dead Wednesday afternoon.

SENATOR FORAKER

SPEAKS ON AUTHORSHIP OF THE GOLD PLANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Foraker in answer to the statements concerning the authorship of the gold plank of the republican platform of 1896, said yesterday:

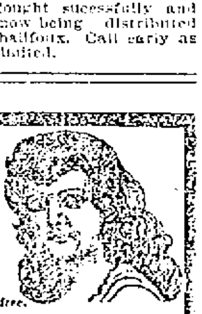
"The statements published by Mr. Payne, Governor Merriam, Senator Hanna and Senator Proctor do not conflict with any statement that has been made by me, neither do they help in in any way Mr. Kohlsaat.

"The point in issue was whether or not Mr. Kohlsaat drafted the gold plank and forced its adoption upon the committee. The statements show that he had nothing to do whatever with the framing of that plank except in common with other republicans, and refute his claim of authorship."

REV. FR. GIGEAULT RETURNS.

Rev. Fr. Gigeault, O.M.I. of the Immaculate Conception church, who has been at Hotel Dieu, Montreal, for the past few months has returned to the Immaculate Conception church.

Calendar for the year 1900 with a fine picture of the Battle of Manila Bay, which Dewey fought successfully and so bravely, are now being distributed free by J. L. Chalifoux. Call early as the number is limited.



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The Salvation Army, as is its custom will furnish a Christmas dinner for the deserving poor of Lowell. Ensign Blackman says he is meeting with glad and generous support from the people in general. Many individuals have made donations of food and already over 250 pounds of meat have been pledged. The First Universalist church has promised 100 pounds of turkey and the Lowell Packing and Provision company has promised 30 pounds and Swift and Bailey have already donated 50 pounds. The army needs about 250 pounds more of meat and all donations should be sent to Ensign Blackman, Army Headquarters, 11 Warren street. The dinner will be served Christmas day from 12 to 3 o'clock. About 600 tickets have been printed and already nearly 500 have been distributed.

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By a special and particular arrangement with the manufacturers of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, free trial bottles of this great medicine for the Kidneys, Liver, Bladder and Blood, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Constipation, will be sent absolutely free, postpaid, to all persons suffering from any of the diseases mentioned above who will send their full name and postoffice address to the Dr. David Kennedy corporation, Rondout, N. Y., providing they mention this paper when they write.

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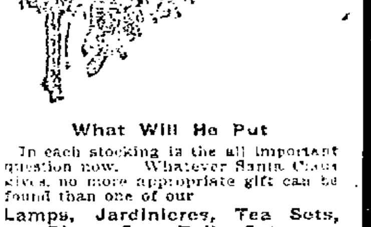

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THE SUN EXTRA!

6 O'CLOCK

PATRIOTIC ENGLAND

Her People Willing to Risk Their Life

In Order to Uphold the Country in the Contest With the Boers—Great Rush of Volunteers to the War Office

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LONDON, Dec. 23.—A baron of beef for the queen's Christmas dinner will be roasted at the great kitchen fire ready for the royal dinner party on Monday. The great joint when cold, will be garnished with an imperial monogram in shredded horse radish, and a boar's head and game pie will assist in adorning her majesty's sideboard, Christmas. This quaint announcement in the Court Circular, with the spirit of royal plenty breathed in every line, sounds almost like a hollow mockery of the sorrow and shadow of death which have turned the season of rejoicing into one of mourning.

"Bad news from the Cape," writes one society authority "has made London the dreariest city in the world at the season when it ought to be the most gay."

Though this may be exaggerated, there is certainly much truth in it.

The queen will spend Christmas at Windsor, instead of, as for years, at Osborne, owing to her wish to be nearer the cabinet, thereby sacrificing a habit very dear to her for years past. With her will be the Duchess of Albany and her children.

The Prince of Wales will spend Christmas at Sandringham and the Duke and Duchess of York will also be there. But neither at Windsor or Sandringham, nor in the noblest or lowest homes in Great Britain will there be much merry making, for with 7000 men killed, wounded or missing in South Africa, there are few families which have not been touched with this depression, which only serves to make the nation more determined than ever, and which is a silent accompaniment to one of the most spontaneous outbursts of patriotism and universal desire to risk life and give up property that ever marked the history of any country. Cooks' sons are less anxious to serve their country on the battlefield than dukes' sons or than dukes themselves. The Duke of Marlborough's offer to equip 150 men of his yeomanry regiment for service in South Africa is merely one among hundreds of such offers from his class. Peers with vast business, property and political interests are exhibiting the utmost eagerness in their desire to have their names enrolled among the volunteers who are going to endeavor to retrieve reverses to the British arms. The day of wild, war enthusiasm and over-confidence has passed and there reigns in its stead a grim determination to atone for the mistakes of the past by individual effort, regardless of consequences.

An instance of the spirit which pervades the country is that in the Cumberland and Westmoreland yeomanry, of which the Earl of Lonsdale is colonel, every officer and nearly every man in the regiment has volunteered and is using every influence to get accepted. Among the officers is Capt. Hugh Jefferson, well known in America, formerly manager of the Sand Creek Cattle company, of Wyoming. The Duke of Marlborough will probably receive an appointment on Lord Gresham's staff.

In northern counties there is keen rivalry as to who shall do the most for his country in the hour of need. Northumberlans, headed by Earl Gray, have subscribed large sums to equip one hundred men and the Earl of Durham calls on the men of his county not to be outdone by the Northumbrians and heads the list with a substantial subscription. Lords Stanley and Wolverton go as yeomanry troopers, though the former at one time, was an officer in the Guards, and the latter is an admiral's son. Two nephews of General Lord Roberts, both ex-majors of the regular army, have volunteered to go in any capacity in the yeomanry. The Earl of Essex, who is a major of the Hertfordshire yeomanry, accompanies the contingent of his county.

In short, the 5000 mounted men, who have responded to the call for yeomen, will have the brains, blood, muscle and dare-deviltry of the famous American Rough Riders.

IS NOW AN EARL.

By the death this week of the Earl Tankerville, Lord Bannett, who married Miss Leonore Van Marten of Tacoma, succeeds to the title. The new earl is a well known evangelist. He met his wife at a revival meeting at Tacoma in 1895. The late earl was the oldest member of the House of Lords. His career was marked by many eccentricities.

ENGLAND'S ADIEU

To Lord Roberts on His Departure for South Africa

Prince of Wales; Duke of Cambridge and Five Field Marshals Meet Him at the Dock—Great Crowd and Wild Enthusiasm Among the People

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who is to assume command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo railroad station at noon today amid scenes of enthusiasm vividly demonstrating the national interest in the event and the belief that the departure of the general can be accepted as a guarantee that whatever can be done in South Africa will be carried out by thoroughly competent hands and on carefully matured lines. Although only privileged persons were permitted to enter the station, this did not prevent the gathering of immense throngs at all approaches and other points of vantage, who cheered repeatedly as "Bobs" accompanied by his wife and two daughters, drove up. Seldom has the terminus witnessed such an inspiring send-off. Every appearance of the field marshal was the signal for ringing hurrahs, lusty shouts and good wishes. The moment the veteran commander arrived he was surrounded by military officers and other friends and held a semi-private reception in the waiting room. After personal leave-takings, Lord Roberts reached the platform, where general greetings and parting words were exchanged. Many ladies pressed eagerly forward to get a last handshake, express deep sympathy with the distinguished soldier in his recent bereavement and bid him God speed. One woman with her eyes filled with tears, exclaimed: "God bless you and bring you safely back to us." This wish was echoed in varying phraseology by hundreds thronging the vicinity of the train.

As the general joined his wife and daughters at the door of the saloon carriage, he was speedily surrounded by distinguished statesmen and military men, including Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart and Lieut. Col. Carrington, the queen's equerry. Lord Wolseley and others arrived late and it required all the efforts of the police to clear a passage for them.

Scarcely had the commander-in-chief joined Lord Roberts when a great cheer announced the approach of the Duke of Cambridge. The crush was so great that the duke, in spite of police protection was so hustled that more than once he gave verbal expression of resentment at the rough treatment he had to submit to, and the police redoubled their efforts, finally enabling the Duke of Cambridge to reach Lord Roberts, though in the confusion, the police thrust aside many who were best entitled to remain, including Lord Wolseley, who, however, took the rough handling of the police good naturedly. The ladies present suffered much from the crowds, but their appeals were unavailing to stem the crush.

Renewed cheering greeted the Duke of Connaught's arrival. Then rousing cheers momentarily diverted attention from the hero of the hour, as the Prince of Wales appeared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial manner. The prince and the distinguished general engaged in earnest conversation and furnished a stirring centre to a notable group which included no less than five field marshals. Lord Roberts, who was in morning dress, looked fit for anything. In spite of his 76 years he was straight and soldierly and his rugged features reflected determination.

At the time when the train was due to start, the Prince of Wales again shook hands with Lord Roberts and spoke a few words to the general, of which the phrases, "God bless you," "Good luck to you" were caught by those near by.

Mr. Balfour bid General Roberts a similar farewell.

Amidst the din and excitement no one heard the signals for departure, and consequently the train was moving while Lord Roberts was still on the platform with his back to the carriage door. The farewells were abruptly terminated and Lord Roberts was forced to make a somewhat undignified scramble for his seat. As the general disappeared in the saloon carriage a final, lusty cheer was started and continued until the train passed out of sight.

FOREIGN ATTACHES ARRIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DURBAN, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The foreign attaches have arrived here on the way to General Buller's headquarters.

BRITISH CAMP.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHIEVELEY, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The British army is occupying the original camping grounds. The naval brigade this morning fired a few shells at the Boer positions. The result is not known, but the firing is taken to show that the naval guns are able to command the Tugela bridge.

STRIKE IS OFF

Fall River Operatives Will Go to Work

ACTION TAKEN AT A MEETING

Of the Textile Council Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 23.—The strike of the operatives against overtime which was to go into effect Tuesday next, has been declared off. This action was decided on today by the executive committee of the textile council, in view of the action of the loomfixers' association, which at a meeting last night did not endorse the recommendations of the textile body. The loomfixers simply agreed to come out if the operatives did.

MADE A GOOD HAUL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 23.—Store thieves made a raid in Mansfield this morning and carried off at least two wagon loads of clothing, small articles and cash. The principal loser was A. J. Hartshorne, clothier, whose loss will reach $300 in suits of clothes of large sizes. Less than a year ago the store was robbed of about the same amount. The other stores ransacked were those of T. H. Dow and company, fruit dealers; Walter Elliot, grocer and Wilbur Brothers, grocers. The robberies were not discovered until this morning.

The fact that Mansfield has no night patrol made the raid easy for the thieves. All the shops were entered by rear windows that were forced open with jimmies. There is no clue to the gang.

BAD ACCIDENT

COLORED MAN AND HIS DAUGHTER KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PALMYRA, Mo., Dec. 23.—Peter Nichol, a well-to-do colored farmer, was returning home in a wagon when a train struck and demolished the vehicle at a railroad crossing, killing the old man, one of his daughters and two grandchildren. Another daughter was badly injured.

ONE PASSENGER INJURED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A Chicago & Northwestern suburban train and the second section of an east-bound Omaha passenger train, collided at West 40th street today. The suburban coaches were badly damaged, but only one passenger was hurt.

LADIES: Your bust enlarged 6 inches; failure impossible; harmless. [illegible] proof free. Leonard Medicine Co., Kansas City, Kansas.

RUN ON THE BANK

Despositors Still Drawing From Portland Bank

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.—The run on the Portland Savings bank continues today in a mild form. A few out-of-town depositors are drawing out their $100 but otherwise than this the situation is much quieter. The company received this morning from Boston, [illegible] in bills and with this amount they will be able to meet all demands. The affairs of the bank are in good shape and it is expected that the excitement will soon cool down.

The excitement of yesterday extended to some of the other institutions and about [illegible] was drawn from the Maine Savings bank.

It is estimated that about [illegible] was taken from the Portland Savings bank during the run.

MICHAEL SAMPSON

BROUGHT UP FOR EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Michael J. Sampson, who was arrested in Limerick, Ireland, in November last, charged with embezzlement committed in the United States, was brought up for extradition in the Bow street police court today.

Sampson begged to be expatriated immediately, but the magistrate declared the fulfillment of his wish depended on his prosecutors.

After having been committed Sampson, in conversation with a representative of the United States embassy here, said he had so many friends in Chicago that he was sure everything would be settled satisfactorily. Indeed, he added, it was likely he would be a candidate for the Illinois state senate next election.

TOZIER'S DEATH

DUE TO EXPOSURE AND HEART FAILURE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BELFAST, Me., Dec. 23.—The jury which was summoned by Coroner Coombs for an inquest upon the death of George A. Tozier, whose dead body was found in the road near his home Thursday morning under apparently suspicious circumstances, has reported that death was the result of exposure and heart failure. The county attorney, however, is dissatisfied with the verdict and will make a still further examination of the body today.

SECRETARY GAGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Secretary of the Treasury Lyman Gage, who is in this city today, held a conference at the subtreasury with James Stillman, president of the National City bank, J. Pierpont Morgan, and Assistant Treasurer Jordan.

Mr. Morgan, who remained but a short time, refused to say what had taken place at the conference, or what matters had been discussed.

PAPAL BLESSING

Will be Given by the Pope

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 23.—On the eve of the ceremony of the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's tomorrow, the pope has decided to give the Papal blessing on the altar of confession. The pontifical [illegible] urged him to renounce the idea, as endangering his health, but the Pontiff replied: "If I am in danger, I will fall into the breach and have the satisfaction of fulfilling to the last my duties as a Catholic and sovereign pontiff towards God."

A COLLISION

TWO TRAINS MET IN A FOG.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A rear-end collision occurred today between two trains of the South Side Elevated, heavily laden with passengers, bound down town to make Christmas purchases. The accident is attributed to a fog. The second train was running at a high rate of speed and the second car was badly telescoped. It narrowly missed falling from the elevated structure. One passenger was injured.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned desire to express their heartfelt thanks to their friends for the many acts of sympathy and tenderness shown us in our hour of affliction in the death of our beloved son, William H. Finnegan. To all who helped us by their sympathy and to the press of the city we extend our heartfelt thanks.

JAMES W. FINNEGAN AND FAMILY.

DEATHS

KEEFE—John Keefe, infant son of John and Catherine, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 7 Main street. The funeral took place this afternoon from the home of his parents at 2 o'clock. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker C. H. Molloy.

ROBERTS' RECEPTION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 23.—On arriving at Southampton, General Roberts was heartily cheered by thousands of people and as he boarded the Dunottar Castle, between a guard of honor of marines and bluejackets, there was a renewed outburst of applause. The mayor and corporation officials were present.

Trunks and Bags, Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.

GRIGGS DECLINES

Will Not Interfere in Gallinger Case

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—A special from Washington says:

"Attorney General Griggs has declined to authorize the employment of advisory counsel to assist District Attorney Hamblett in presenting the charges of violating the civil service law against Senator Gallinger to the grand jury. Ex-Gov. Busiel made the request of the attorney-general. It represents that District Attorney Hamblett is closely allied politically with Senator Gallinger and that he would not present the facts in the case in proper manner to the grand jury. Attorney General Griggs in answer says that he has no evidence that Attorney Hamblett has failed to do his duty and such action would be a reflection upon the integrity of the New Hampshire lawyer."

RYAN'S CONDITION

Small Pox Patient Holding His Own

HOPE ENTERTAINED FOR HIS RECOVERY

Fewer Out-Door Relief Applications

John P. Ryan, the victim of smallpox, is holding his own against the disease at the pest house, having passed a fairly comfortable night. He has done so well for the past few days, particularly in regard to taking nourishment, that hopes are now entertained for his recovery. Some friends of the sick man, who it is said believed that the board of health was not taking as good care of the patient as it might, endeavored to engage a trained nurse, but [illegible] to do so, [illegible] that could be obtained [illegible] case.

100 Dress Suit Cases from $2 [illegible] to $20 at Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.

MOTHER ON LIPS

So Death Found a Chicago Society Girl

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Mabel Powell, a talented young society girl, drank poison and went to her death yesterday morning in a Clark street resort. In the midst of wild revelry, in which champagne and dancing skirts were the features, the girl burst into sobs, gave a toast to "The Constancy of a Mother's Love," drained her glass, laughed hysterically and reeled to an adjoining room. In 20 minutes she was dead.

The suicide was the daughter of Mrs. S. M. Powell of 4027 Drexel boulevard. Her father was a prominent lumber merchant, who died four years ago. He left a fortune. Mabel was carefully educated and carefully reared. She was 22 years old and a pronounced blonde.

After leaving school she studied art in the art institute and the drama in a prominent school. She lived with her mother and sister Ethel until one week ago. In South Side society she was a favorite.

At the Great North hotel 10 days ago she was introduced to Mrs. C. H. Wells, a fascinating widow of 21 from Cincinnati. Mrs. Wells revelled in diamonds and $100 bills. Miss Powell invited Mrs. Wells to the Powell home.

The girl's mother instantly took a dislike to the woman. She ordered her daughter to stop associating with her. The girl refused and in a pique left home a week ago and went with Mrs. Wells to the Great Northern.

Every night since Mrs. Wells has had the girl out seeing life in the Red Light district. They met two prominent business men last evening and dined at the Auditorium annex. The men tried to induce Miss Powell to go home. She promised she would return today.

The men accompanied the women to their hotel and left them there. At 1 a.m. the women called a cab and went to the "Buffet," on the levee, afterward the resort where the tragedy occurred. They entered alone, ordered champagne and began dancing. There were no men present in the ball room.

Miss Powell sang, danced and was in the highest spirits. After drinking the toast to her mother she disappeared.

Ten minutes later she was found in a kneeling position in the next room. Her last breath had been given to prayer. A physician was called, but his efforts were useless. Mrs. Wells was taken into custody.

FOUGHT A DRAW.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 23.—Jack Stelzer of St. Louis and Ed Dunkhorst of Syracuse, N. Y., fought a 20-round draw last night in the arena of the Hot Springs Athletic association. Dunkhorst had the advantage of forty pounds and showed himself very clever and active for his weight. Stelzer was clever but entirely too light for his opponent. Stelzer was severely punished.

IMPORTERS PROTEST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—The tea importers of San Francisco have sent a protest to the secretary of the treasury against a recent order requiring all samples of tea imported into the United States to be forwarded to the tea examiner at the port of New York, the idea being to secure uniformity. It is claimed that the effect of this order will be to divert the tea importing business of this port to New York.

SAVOY THEATRE

Last chance this afternoon and evening to see Prof. Wormwood and his wonderful troupe of monkeys. Those who have not seen this great act surely have missed a treat. Mr. Wormwood has made arrangements with the management to erect an Xmas tree upon the stage this afternoon and each monkey will get a Christmas present after which they will hold a reception for the ladies and children. For next week commencing with Xmas matinee the management will present one of the strongest bills of the season headed by Mr. and Mrs. William Robyns, direct from Keith's theatre, New York, presenting their latest success, "The Counsel for Defense," one of the strongest acts in vaudeville. Besides the Robyns the bill includes Miss Beatrice Dollard, a Lowell favorite, assisted by Thomas P. Kelly, the funniest of all Irish comedians, Murthette and Grossle, Jones & Sutton, swells of Coontown, kings of music, The Conners, sweet singers and dancers. The Sheppards, the greatest acrobats on the stage. Matinee daily, 2.15, prices 10c. and 20c. Evening, 8.15, prices 10c, 20c. and 30c.

MOODY'S FUNERAL

TO TAKE PLACE NEXT TUESDAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 23.—A quiet night followed the day that brought bereavement to the family of Dwight L. Moody, and the town in which he and the institutions founded by him were such prominent figures. Mrs. Moody seems to be considerably refreshed this morning and the other members of the family had gained new strength for their experience during the intervals of sleep which came to them.

Messages of condolence, which began to come in yesterday, were received in increased numbers today. Upwards of 100 telegrams from all parts of the United States with several cablegrams had been received up to 11 o'clock.

Rev. S. B. Myer of London, who had been a prominent speaker at Northfield, and who with Mr. Moody held meetings in several of the large cities of the country, last fall, cabled from England, and among the messages from this country are those from Commissioner Booth-Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. John Wanamaker, Louis Klopsch of the Christian Herald and George D. [illegible] of Los Angeles, Cal.

Several relatives and very close friends of the family arrived during the forenoon.

Yielding to pressure brought to bear by friends, the entire family of Dwight L. Moody today decided to defer the funeral of Mr. Moody until Tuesday afternoon, instead of holding it on Monday, as at first intended.

Some details were arranged during this forenoon and it was made known later that the family had consented that public services should be held in the Congregational church at 2.30 o'clock Tuesday. The body will lie in state at the church during the morning. Rev. C. I. Scofield, pastor of the church, will officiate, assisted by Rev. R. A. Torrey of Chicago, and addresses will be made by men who have been associated with Mr. Moody in his work.

The decision of the family to consent to a public funeral to be held on Tuesday instead of on Monday caused general satisfaction among those interested in the [illegible]. While the sentiment which actuated the family in desiring to have the services occur on Christmas Day on account of the religious nature of the family's [illegible] were appreciated, there was regret that many would be inconvenienced to a serious degree in attending on that day and that it might be difficult for some especially clergymen to reach Northfield from a distance on Monday in time for the funeral.

It was decided that during the funeral services the casket should be [illegible] in the Congregational church, [illegible] lie in state until the services. It was thought that 2.30 would be a more convenient hour than [illegible] the time previously thought of. [illegible] Mr. Scofield, pastor of the church, and a warm friend of the family, naturally was the choice as the one who should officiate and Rev. Mr. Torrey, superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, for many years Mr. Moody's intimate associate, was designated to assist. It also was considered desirable and appropriate that opportunity should be given for Christian workers who had taken and had been associated with Mr. Moody, to speak.

The trustees of the Northfield seminary met this morning and set apart a spot at Round Top, one of the most interesting parts historically of the Northfield Settlement, as the burial place of Mr. Moody. The grave will be school property, but it is very near the Moody home.

PLATT'S CHATTELS

SEIZED BY SHERIFF IN NEW YORK ON A JUDGMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The sheriff is in technical possession of all the property and effects of the republican state committee in its headquarters at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Deputy Sheriff George Rinn went to the committee rooms yesterday and levied upon the committee's furniture by virtue of an execution issued upon a judgment against Treasurer McAlpin in favor of Edgar M. Franklin, speechmaker and pamphlet writer for $250.

As there was no one representing the committee in the rooms when Rinn called who could tell him what furniture belonged to the hotel and what to the committee, he levied on everything in sight.

In the meantime Rinn is looking for Gen. E. A. McAlpin, the treasurer of the committee, to make a formal demand upon him for the amount of the judgment.

He will also ask the general to tell him where the committee keeps its bank account and what funds are on hand. Archer Hurst, counsel for Gen. McAlpin and the committee, said yesterday that he would carry the case to the higher courts.

The recent judgment is an affirmation by the general term of the city court of the decree of a trial term entered upon the verdict of a jury allowing Mr. Franklin $150 and costs for his services during Roosevelt-Van-Wyck campaign. On the trial of the case Franklin said that the committee had promised to pay him $50 for speeches to be delivered at German meetings and for a pamphlet which he was to write to influence the votes of those following the fortunes of the German-American Reform Union. He said that all he ever received for these services was the sum of $7.

BIG RAILROAD DEAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—An important railroad deal which has been pending for some time, was concluded here yesterday, when the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company purchased for cash the Monongahela River railroad. Possession of the new property will pass in April next. The price paid is reported to have been $5,000,000.

SUPREME COURT RENDERED OPINIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The United States supreme court yesterday rendered opinions in two cases involving private land grants in New Mexico, both opinions being by Justice Peckham. The first case was the claim of S. Endicott Peabody in the Vallecito grant of 1110.9 acres near Ojo Caliente, and the other that of J. Francisco Chavez to a grant of 5,000 acres in Valencia county near Tameon. Both grants were made by the provincial authorities of New Mexico under Mexican rule and both were declared by the court of private land claims to be invalid on the ground that the granting authority was inadequate. The opinion handed down today affirms the opinion of the lower court and is adverse to the claimants.

It is easier to say "Fashion Corner" than Merrimack Clothing Co., and the title fits.

DIST. ATTY. GARDINER INJURED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—District Attorney Gardiner met with an accident last night in his office and as a result he is confined to his apartment today. Col. Gardiner had gotten upon a chair to turn on one of the electric lights when the chair overturned and he fell on his side.

The injury was a severe one and he lay in a partly dazed state for an hour before he recovered.

DISTILLERS ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 22.—United States Marshal McCabe this morning arrested Andrew and Elijah Abraham doing business as distillers at 24 Back street, under the name of Abraham Brothers, for violations of the internal revenue laws. The men are charged with having removed tax paid stamps from casks of spirits without destroying the stamps and with having such stamps in their possession.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PROBATE COURT.

Middlesex, ss.

To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY M. BACON, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ANNIE S. BACON of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held in Cambridge, in said county of Middlesex on the second day of January, A. D. 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation, once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

SENATOR ALLEN

POLICE AFTER QUAY'S FOE FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Abraham L. Allen, state senator, school director, prominent anti-Quay republican, Sunday school superintendent and reformer, is being hunted by the central station detectives, who have a warrant for his arrest, charging him with embezzlement. The amount is variously estimated at from $5,000 to $15,000, representing money retained by him when he was a delinquent tax collector in the employ of the city.

The alleged embezzlement was discovered two weeks ago. Allen is said to have acknowledged to a friend that he needed $5,000 to make restitution. This amount he is said to have obtained, but instead of using it to make his deficiency good he disappeared.

At the home of Mr. Allen at No. 2118 North Twentieth street, tonight, everything was in confusion. A moving wagon was in front of the door and in the house carpets were being taken up and boxes and trunks stood around in the halls. Mrs. Allen said her husband left town on business about a week ago, and was not expected back for three or four weeks.

Abraham L. Allen is a brother-in-law of Harvey K. Newitt, who is now undergoing a sentence of two years' imprisonment with Ellery P. Ingram in the Eastern state penitentiary. He has always been respected and admired by his neighbors.

FORMER WELL KNOWN CAPITALIST ARRESTED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 23.—A special to this city from Claremont says that a writ has been served by the chief [illegible] on John L. Farwell, ex-president of the defunct Sullivan Institution for Savings and formerly a well known capitalist of Claremont. Mr. Farwell and his friends furnished bonds in [illegible]. A writ was also served on John L. Farwell, Jr. The litigation arises out of the failure of the Farwell banks in Claremont four years ago. Action was brought by Lawyer Upham of Boston to recover a claim of Mrs. C. A. Wilson.

The many friends of Mr. Joseph H. Boardman will be pained to learn of his continued illness at his home in Hanks street.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan W. Shaw of Kennebunk, Me., formerly of this city, are guests of their son, W. S. Shaw, of Broadway, during the holidays.

Pocketbooks, Umbrellas, Leather Novelties, etc. Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.

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UNDERTAKER.
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Telephone connection. Hacks furnished for all occasions.

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CARTER & SHERBURN'S
Low Priced Drug Store, Cor. Merrimack and Bridge Sts.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.
A large assortment of prayer books, pearl rosaries, cases, sanctuary lamps, statues, pictures and many other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 18 Appleton street, opposite post-office. Picture framing done at low prices. New patterns.

ENOCH PERKINS & SON'S
E. P. S. CIGARS.
Smokers will find them A1 quality.
JOHN F. BUCKLEY, City Salesman, with Bartlett & Buckley.

Artificial Teeth.
If nature did not provide you with good teeth, then have a set made. Dr. Simmons will make you a set of the best for $5. If you have a set you are not pleased with, you can have them put on a new plate for $5.00. Dr. E. H. Simmons, 23 Central street.

This is the Season for Ball Parties and Weddings
And of course it is quite necessary to have a supply of sweet bread for these occasion, and Peter Watson's, the king baker of the city, is the place to get your Bakery Supplies. There is none better in the city than you can get at
PETER WATSON'S Home Made Bakeries
52 to 60 Charles St.,
46 Lawrence St.

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What can make a more acceptable or useful present than a pair of comfortable Shoes, Slippers or warm Overshoes?
Men's Leather Slippers, all the new styles, no last season's stock.
Prices from 49c. to $2
Men's Velvet Embroidered Slippers, new patterns, worked in silk or chenille.
Prices from 49c. to $1.25
Women's Felt Romeos, Fur Trimmed in either black, brown, red, drab, or green. These are the celebrated Alfred Dolge shoes and nothing better made.
$1.50
Women's Felt Romeos and Toilet Slippers, both Fur Trimmed and plain.
Prices from 49c. to $1.25
Misses' Felt Romeos, in red or black, Fur Trimmed,
85 cents
Children's sizes in same.
75 cents
Women's Patent Leather or Kid Strap Sandals.
Prices from 49c. to $1.50
Misses' and Children's in same styles at
$1.00 and 85c.
Rubber Boots for men, women and children. Warm Overshoes for men, women and children. Rubbers of all kinds for men, women and children. [illegible] before making your purchases.
THE NEW SHOE STORE,
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CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Elaborate Programs in all the Churches

In Carol and Sermon the Beautiful Story of the Nativity Will be Told—Some of the Music to be Rendered

In all the churches of this city the feast of Christmas will be observed with all the elaborateness of yore. In those of the Catholic faith the beautiful story of the nativity will be illustrated by the scenic reproduction of the manger in Bethlehem, known in the Catholic world as "The Crib." The Protestant choristers will relate the story in tuneful carol and anthems. In some of the churches the Christmas observance will take place tomorrow, but in the Catholic and Episcopal churches it will take place on Christmas day. The observance begins in the Catholic churches with high mass at sunrise. Then low masses are celebrated hourly until 10.30, when the morning services conclude with solemn high mass. In all churches special and elaborate programs are to be rendered by augmented choirs with orchestral and organ accompaniments, which have been prepared and below many of them are printed, as follows:

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

Director Faulkner has arranged a most beautiful program for Christmas which with the fact that Rev. Fr. O'Hearn will then celebrate his first mass in public, will make the last service of the day of extraordinary solemnity. The solos at mass and vespers will be sung by Daniel J. Donohue, Esq., the well known baritone, who though a member of St. Patrick's choir, has not sung in public for some time. The program is as follows:

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.
Prelude .... Organ and orchestra
Gounod's Messe Solemnelle (St. Cecelia's)
Veni Creator .... Faure
D. J. Donahue.
Offertorium, Splendente te Domine .... Mozart
Quartette—Miss J. Finn, soprano; Miss O'Hearn, alto; E. F. Faulkner, tenor; Frank McCarty, basso.
Glory to God .... Choir
Postlude .... Organ and orcestra
Vespers, 7.30 o'clock p. m.
Prelude .... Organ and orchestra
Psalms, Domine ad .... Millard
Dixit Dominus .... Millard
Confitebor .... Fisher
Beatus Vir .... Fisher
De Profundis .... Schried
Memento Domine .... Schried
Jesu Redemptor .... Mozart
Magnificat .... Lambillotte
Alma Redemptoris .... Mozart
O, Salutaris .... Faure
D. J. Donahue.
Tantum Ergo .... Rossini
TeDeum........ choir and congregation
Choir, 40 voices, assisted by Hibbard's full orchestra, E. F. Faulkner, director; M. J. Johnson, organist.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.
Morning.

Asperges .... Witzke
Vidi Aquam .... Gregorian
Introit .... Gregorian
Graduale .... Gregorian
Mass, Solennelle .... Rossini
Offertory, Noel .... Van Reyschoot
Postlude, Date Sonitum .... Costa
Solemn Vespers, 6.30 p. m.
Ps ....Emerick and Sir John Stephenson
Hymn, Jesu, Redemptor .... Gorbet
Magnificat .... Haydn
Anthem to B. V. M. Alma ....Donizetti
O Salutaris .... Rossini
Tantum Ergo .... Terziani
Hymn, Glory to God ....Robinson
The American orchestra will assist the choir.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.
High Mass, 10.30 a. m.

Asperges, Novello; mass (St. Cecilia), Gounod; offertory, "Noel," Van Reysschoot; Veni Creator (adapted) Batisti.

Vespers 7 p. m. Psalms: Domine ad, Emmerich; Dixit Dominus, Emmerich; Confitebor, Emmerich; Beatus Vir, Emmerich; De Profundis, Schmidt; Memento Domine Schmidt; hymn, Jesu Redemptor, Mozart; Magnificat in C, Lambilotte; anthem, "Alma," Mariani; "O Salutaris," (from Messe Solennelle") Rossini; Tantum Ergo, Millard.

Chorus of 40 voices, with the regular church quartette: Mrs. Jas. Murphy, soprano; Miss Nano Gallagher, contralto; Mr. T. F. Boulger, baritone; Mr. Jas. A. Murphy, tenor and conductor; Miss C. M. White, organist.

SACRED HEART CHURCH.
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.

First mass of a newly ordained priest. celebrant, Rev. Wm. H. Finnick; assistant priest, Rev. Jos. Mangin, D. D., deacon, Rev. Thos. Murphy, O. M. I.; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Leclair, O. M. I.; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. P. Reynolds, O. M. I.; assistant priest in sanctuary, Rev. Lawrence C. P. Fox, O. M. I.

Musical Program.
Kyrie .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Gloria .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Veni Creator .... Millard
Credo .... Lambilotte
Sanctus .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Agnus .... Mozart's 12th Mass
Vesper Service 3 p. m.
Domine Ad .... Millard
Dixit .... Millard
Confitebor .... Est
Beatus Vir .... Est
Laudate Pueri .... Zingarelli
Laudate Domine .... Est
Jesu Redemptor .... Gregorian
Magnificat .... Mozart
Alma .... Lambillotte
Ave Verum .... Mercadenti
Tantum Ergo .... Geeb
Mr. John McMahon, tenor soloist; Miss Adelaide Sullivan, soprano soloist and organist.

GRACE UNIVERSALIST.

The pastor, Rev. R. A. Green, will have for a subject, "Christ in the Life of Today." The musical program will be as follows: Christmas pastorale, organ; "While the Stars are Gleaming Bright," Newcomb, quartette; hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story;" "Rejoice O Zion," quartet; offertory solo, for violin, "The Angels' Serenade," Mr. Dwyer; tenor solo, from Elijah, Mr. Lon; hymn, "It Passeth Knowledge, That Dear Love of Thine;" "Sing, O Heavens," Berthold Tours, quartet; processional, organ. Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merrill, soprano; Mrs. Blanche L. Burns, alto; Mr. Osmond Long, tenor; Mr. William H. Palmer, bass; Mrs. Nellie F. Sturtevant, organist and musical director; Mr. J. P. Dwyer, violinist.

St. John's Church.

Christmas day and Sunday, Dec. 31, at 10.30 o'clock:
Processional, "Come All Ye Faithful" .... J. Reding
Venite .... J. Stainer
Gloria Patri .... D. Buck
Te Deum, key of A ....John E. West
Benedictus .... C. L. Williams
Introit, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing .... Mendelssohn
Kyrie .... E. J. Eyre
Gloria Tibi .... H. Smart
Hymn, O, Little Town of Bethlehem, ... L. H. Redner
Offertory, The Hallowed Day Hath Shined Upon Us ....J. Stainer
Sanctus .... C. Gounod
Hymn .... Brown
Gloria in Excelsis .... Old Chant
Retrocessional from "The Realms of Glory .... H. Smart

Anthem service, Sunday evening, 6.30 o'clock:
Processional, O Come All Ye Faithful. .... J. Reding
Choral service .... Tallis
Gloria Patri .... Beethoven
Magnificat .... M. B. Foster
Nunc Dimittis .... M. B. Foster
Anthem, The Heavens Proclaim Him, ... L. Von Beethoven
Hymn, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, ... Mendelssohn
Offertory, Ye Shall Go Out with Joy, ... J. Barnby
Recessional, Angels From the Realms of Glory .... H. Smart

FIRST UNITARIAN.

The following musical program will be rendered:
Organ Sonata in C minor Mendelssohn
Sing a Song of Praise" ......King Hall
Quartet.
(a) Recitation, "Comfort Ye," (b) Aria "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted." .... From Handel's Messiah
Mr. Edmunds.
Christmas Carol .... Osgood
Quartet.
"O, Holy Night" .... Adam
(Soprano solo and Quartet.)
Postlude .... Guilmant

KIRK STREET CHURCH.
W. A. Bartlett, D. D., Pastor.

It will be Christmas Sunday indeed at Kirk street. The Bulletins will be in the form of a Christmas greeting with halftone pictures of the Madonna, and Del Sarto's Annunciation, distributed morning and evening. The morning sermon, "The Child and the World-Powers." Special music: "All They of Saba Shall Come," Rheinberger; "Before the Heavens," H. W. Parker; "The Birthday of a King," (carol), soprano, Neidlinger; "Behold! I Bring You Glad Tidings," Weiland.

The organ recital at 6.15. Pastoral "Hark, What Mean," two mixed quartets and double quartet, Barnby. Song service led by organ, orchestra, Apollo, ladies' and mixed quartets and chorus.
Bohemian Carol, "Come All Ye Shepherds," .... Riedle
Apollo Quartet.
"Holy Night," .... Barnby
Church Quartet.
"A Shining Star," (carol) W. A. Bartlett
Offertory, Cornet and Apollo quartet antiphonally.
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," (carol) .... Redner
Ladies' Quartet.
"Who Is This So Weak and Helpless?" Leslie, church quartet, Apollo, Ladies' chorus and double quartet. Recessional "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Willis, soprano, two mixed quartets and double quartet.

The pastor's prelude, "Stockings and Trees." Sermon, "Magic of the Manger." Everybody welcome. Audience requested to be in their seats early.

Some of D. L. Moody's Favorite Hymns will be sung at the evening service.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.
Christmas Vespers, Four O'clock.

The Men's Social club have arranged for a pleasant Sunday afternoon of song. A specially prepared responsive service, will be used. The following are the special numbers.
Organ Prelude, "Hallelujah," .....Handel
Mr. Solon W. Stevens.
Quartette, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" .... Dow
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Christmas.
Mr. McDaniel, Cornet Accompanist.
Quartette, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," ...... Wallace
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cornet solo, Selected.
Mr. Roscoe McDaniel.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Antioch, Cornet Accompaniment.
Christmas Poem .... Alfred Dommet
Read by the Pastor.
Contralto Solo, "A Dream of Bethlehem," .... Paul Rodney
Mrs. George E. Burns.
Quartette, Selection.
Apollo Male Quartette.
Cong'l Hymn, Tune, Rathbun.

FIRST TRINITARIAN CONG.
Christmas Sunday, 10.30 a. m.
Voluntary, Organ and Orchestra.
Invocation.
Doxology.
Hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."
Responsive Reading, Lesson, 45.
Apostles' Creed, Gloria Patria.
Antiphonal Music of Psalm, 24: 1-6.
Chorus and Children's Choir.
Song by the Children, "Hail! Hail! Hail!"
Recitation, "The Babe of Bethlehem."
Charlena Greene.
Scripture Recitation, Luke 2:8-14.
The School.
Nettie Studley.
Solo, "Under the Stars."
Exercise, "Story of a Star."
Primary Class.
Song by the Children, "Silver Bells Ring It."
Prayer.
Scripture Reading, Matt. 2: 1-11.
Exercise, "Wise Men."
Intermediate Class.
Offertory.
Offering Song.
Millie Wentworth.
Chorus and Children's Choir.
Antiphonal Music of Psalm, 24: 7-10.
Sermon, "The Song of the Angels."
Hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings."
Benediction.
Processional.

12 m. Christmas Lesson.

6 p. m. Union Meeting of all departments of the Y. P. S. C. E., subject, "Our Royal Brother."

7 p. m. Illustrated lecture on "The First Christmas," with a large collection of new and beautiful pictures, masterpieces of art.

Monday, 6.30 p. m. Christmas entertainment with Christmas trees and so forth. All children free.

ST. PETER'S.
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.
Organ Processional.
Mrs. John McKennedy.
Kyrie .... Marzo
Gloria .... Marzo
Veni Creator .... Haydn
Credo .... Marzo
Offertorium.
Adeste Fideles.
Sanctus .... Marzo
Agnus Dei .... Marzo
Glory to God.
Solemn Vespers, 7 o'clock.
Domine .... Millard
Dixit .... Millard
Laudate .... Zingarelli
Laudate Dominum .... Est
Hymn, Glory to God.
Magnificat .... Mozart
Alma Redemptoris .... Pleyel
Ave Verum .... Millard
Tantum Ergo .... Rossi
Laudate .... Noel
Choir of 50 voices, Mr. C. F. Calnan, director. Mrs. John McKennedy, organist. Special music at 9 o'clock service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Corner of Church and George streets—Smith Thomas Ford, pastor.

The great chorus choir will lead the congregational singing at both morning and evening service and will also render varied and delightful programmes which follow:

MORNING, 10.30.
Organ, "Christmas Prelude," ..... Roget
Mr. A. F. French.
Gloria .... Greatorex
Anthem, "All Hail the Morn," Sanford
Tenor Solo, "The Christmas Bells," .... Greely
Mr. Oscar W. Walch.
Quartette, "While Shepherds Watched," .... Herbert
Mrs. Pepin, Miss Reid, Mr. Walch, Mr. Reid.
Sermon: "The Glory of God."
Anthem, "The Angel's Song," .. ..Gabriel
Sunday school at 12.
Evening, 6.30.
Organ, "Gavotte in E."
Anthem, "A Saviour Which Is Christ the Lord."
Soprano Solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," .... Marzo
Mrs. W. H. Pepin.
Quartette, "The Angel's Message" .... Herbert
Soprano Solo, "Night of Nights," .... Van de Water
Sermon, "The Imprint of Heaven."
J. Avison Baker, musical director.

MARRIED BY WIRE

Romantic Event at Winchester, Kentucky

COUPLE HAVE LONG BEEN SWEETHEARTS

The Wire Tolls for Service Cost $26.50

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WINCHESTER, Ky., Dec. 23.—Miss Lizzie Hummons of Winchester and Trooper Samuel Wheeler of the 9th cavalry, stationed at Fort Wingate, N. M., were married yesterday by telegraph. The distance between the points is 1700 miles, and the telegraph companies, to accommodate the young couple, made special efforts and established a circuit. Rev. S. P. Young of Winchester officiated for the bride at this end of the wire and Chaplain Forster of the fort acted in a like capacity for the bridegroom.

Up to a year ago Wheeler lived here. He and Miss Hummons had been sweethearts, but it was not until after he had enlisted in the army and been sent to New Mexico that she promised to become his wife.

Then the difficulty that necessitated the marriage by wire arose. The young woman's father, fearing that Wheeler would not take his daughter for his wife after she had taken the long journey, refused to let her go.

Wheeler tried in vain to obtain a furlough. Finally he confided in the chaplain. The situation was canvassed thoroughly, and after numerous plans were discussed it was suggested by the chaplain, half in jest and half in earnest, that he might be matrimonially joined by means of telegraph.

The young man instantly approved the suggestion and arrangements were made to proceed with the scheme, the bride and her father consenting. Every operator along the line helped to make the ceremony the success it proved to be.

Dr. Young read the brief service and it was flashed over the wire. Then came the chaplain's service on the part of the groom. The father gave his consent and all was over.

The tolls amounted to $26.50. The bride started this afternoon to join her husband.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

Edward W. Clark of Tewksbury Appointed

Edward W. Clark, a well known citizen of Tewksbury, has been appointed a deputy sheriff. The appointment was made yesterday by Sheriff Fairbairn. Sheriff Stiles has been made a court officer.

Col. James H. Carmichael has petitioned to the county commissioners for a pardon for Anibil Souza, a prisoner of the Lowell jail, who is now at the corporation hospital, suffering from scarlet fever. Souza was sentenced to four months in jail and he has served three months of that sentence. Judge Hadley and Probation Officer Tuttle are among the signers of the petition. Souza is now out of danger and will be able to leave the hospital in a week.

NO PRICE FIXED

STATE BOARD COULD NOT SETTLE TROUBLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LYNN, Dec. 23.—The state board of arbitration and conciliation visited Lynn yesterday, and gave a hearing to Co. on a petition of the firm and employes to fix a price list for making a new grade of shoes introduced in the factory.

The firm and shoe workers union and the employes are members of that organization.

The board was in session in the factory from 9 until 10.30 yesterday morning and heard the statements of the workmen and the firm, but was unable to fix a price for the work, as the information at hand was insufficient to warrant it in doing so.

The meeting was adjourned to a future date to enable the firm and the men to get information in regard to the prices paid for the same grade of work in other shoe factories, and as soon as this is done the board will give another hearing and determine a fair price.

The Five Cents Savings Bank is back again on a four per cent. dividend paying basis.

At a meeting of the trustees, recently held, it was decided that the earnings of the bank as well as present financial conditions warrant a return to the old rate, the greater demand for money and the higher rates that have prevailed during the past few months being reflected in increased earnings, which show a safe margin for surplus above the dividend to depositors.

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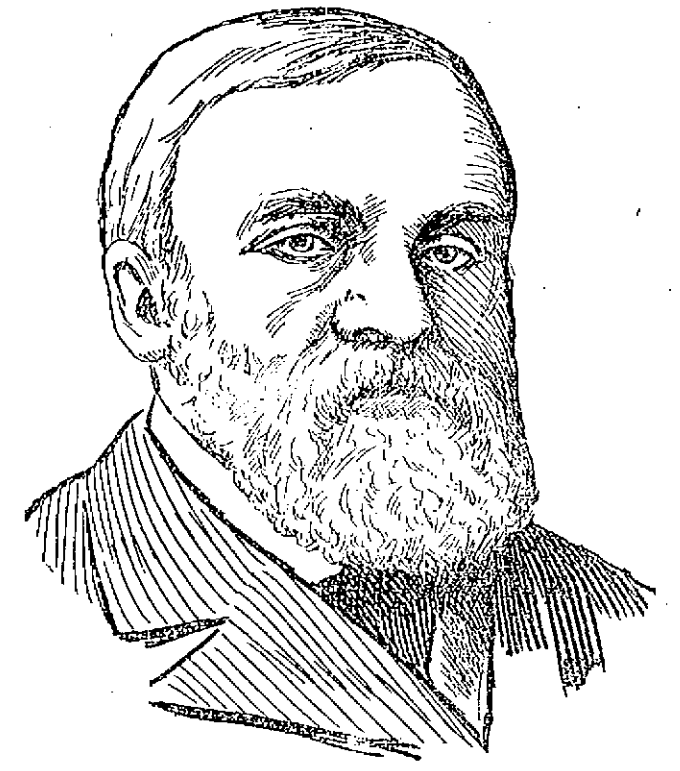

THE LATE DWIGHT L. MOODY.

THE LAST WORDS

Spoken by Dwight L. Moody Before Dying

HE HAD NO FEAR OF DEATH

Remains Will be Buried on Round Top

By Associated Press to The Sun.

EAST NORTHFIELD, Dec. 23.—As the noonday hour drew near the watchers at the bedside of Dwight L. Moody, who passed away yesterday, noted the approach of death. Several times his lips moved as if in prayer, but the articulation was so faint that the words could not be heard. Just as death came Mr. Moody awoke as if from slumber, and said with much joyousness: "I see earth receding; heaven is opening. God is calling me," and a moment later he had entered upon what one of his sons described as a "triumphal march into heaven."

The arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been fully completed; but the services will be held next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Congregational church. The burial will be on Round Top. This is a spot on the seminary grounds near Mr. Moody's home lot, which has been famous in connection with the summer meetings, and on which hundreds of student gatherings have been held, many of them conducted by Mr. Moody himself. On this account it seemed to the family fitting that the burial should be at that spot.

The Northfield, the summer hotel connected with the Moody schools, will be opened for the accommodation of friends coming to attend the funeral services, the hour of holding the latter being governed by the time of the arrival and departure of trains.

All three of the Moody schools are at present closed for the Christmas vacation. Telegrams and other messages of sympathy have been received by the family from friends, admirers of and co-workers with Mr. Moody in all parts of the country.

Dr. Wood says that Mr. Moody did not have the slightest fear of death. He was thoroughly conscious until within less than a minute of his death. Dr. Wood says the cause of his death was heart failure. He adds that the walls surrounding the heart grew weaker and weaker. While it is true that Mr. Moody had symptoms of Bright's disease a few days ago, his death was due, the physician says, to dilation of the heart. There had been dilation in a gradual way for the past nine years. The family had been told some time ago that Mr. Moody might get out and about, but still he was liable to drop away at any time.

There were present in Mr. Moody's chamber yesterday morning when he died, his wife, his daughter, Mrs. A. P. Fitt, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Moody, Paul Moody, the youngest son; Dr. N. P. Wood and Miss Powers, the nurse. Mrs. Moody has carried herself during the sickness of her husband with the greatest bravery and patience, but when death came she was prostrated. As soon as Mr. Moody's death was known in the village, the greatest sorrow was shown.

FLAHERTY'S FIGHT

Lowell Man Made Game Battle

The Albany Argus gives the following account of the Flaherty-Sullivan fight at Troy, N. Y., Thursday night, when Sullivan knocked Martin out in the 20th round, with but 20 seconds of the round to go:

Spike Sullivan added another knockout to his list Thursday night at the Manhattan Athletic club, Troy, N. Y., and it was the second for the famous Irish fighter this week. Martin Flaherty of Lowell, as game a fighter as ever stood in the squared circle, was his victim this time and when the fatal blow came one minute before the expiration of the 20 rounds, there was a general feeling of sympathy among the 200 spectators. The bout will go down on record as being the second best in importance and skill to that of the Dixon-McCarthy melee 10 years ago, decided in this section. Had the fight come to a decision, the best that Referee 'Jimmy' Colville could have done would have been to declare it a draw, for although Sullivan cut loose in the last few rounds, yet Flaherty had the advantage of the greater number of the rounds.

"No such fight ever occurred in this vicinity, for two men of the same gait in ring tactics were facing each other. Each was a rough boxer who loved hurricane fighting and was not afraid to bore in for more. In infighting Flaherty had the best of it, as 'Spike' quickly realized but the latter's reach and height stood him in good stead at long range and he resorted to this style the greater part of the time. It was the roughest bout ever witnessed here, considerable wrestling being indulged in, and frequently either man would be thrown forcibly to the floor. Sullivan would make a good catch-as-you-can wrestler, for he used the strangle hold so often, that his adversary's wind was cut off on numerous occasions, and he had to drop to the resined oor.

"There is no more famous boxer before the public today than the man from Ireland, 'Spike' Sullivan, and consequently he was the favorite among the spectators, and in the betting he was a 100 to 60 shot. 'Spike' has a wonderful right arm and he uses it to advantage."

FORTY DROWNED

School Children Go Through Thin Ice

A GLOOM CAST OVER BRUSSELS

The Bodies Recovered From the River

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—Upward of 40 school children were drowned yesterday afternoon in an ice accident at Frelingham, near the French frontier.

The school children of the district had been given a holiday, with permission to play on the frozen river Lys.

When the merriment was at full height, the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned.

Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing.

The catastrophe spread consternation through the town, where nearly every family suffered loss.

CRISP GOSSIP.

"Chris and the Wonderful Lamp," Klaw & Erlanger and B. D. Stevens' new extravaganza, has scored a prodigious hit at the Boston Museum, where overflowing houses have greeted its mirth, wit, magnificent stage settings and John Philip Sousa's bright, graceful and tuneful music with delightful appreciation. The modern stage has not witnessed an equal prodigality of production, nor a more powerful appeal to taste for the beautiful. Jerome Sykes, the greatest of American comic opera comedians, has a most congenial role as the Twentieth Century Genie. His grotesque and inimitable drollery makes the fun come fast and furious in every scene.

Ther will b a special holiday matinee of Sag Harbor at the Park Theatre, Boston, on Christmas day, and on Christmas night the seventy-fifth consecutive performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston will occur. The Twentieth Century performance to be given on the night of January 1, 1900, will be a unique affair. The management intend to present to the patrons of the play in this evening a handsome memento symbolizing the exit of the old and the entrance of the new century. The one-hundredth performance of "Sag Harbor" in Boston occurs on the night of January 15, 1900, and a magnificent souvenir will be given on this occasion. It is to be an exact reproduction in silver of the famous America cup which British yachtsmen have tried for over forty years to wrest from the amateur sailors of the United States. This will be a very beautiful as well as patriotic emblem. This souvenir will be, it is said, the most expensive ever given on a similar occasion in this country.

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MANY LIVES LOST

Rock at Salerno Descends Into Gulf

BRINGS DOWN HOTEL AND MONASTERY

With Several Summer Villas to Destruction

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 23.—A terrible disaster took place yesterday afternoon at Amalfi, a popular tourist resort on the gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappuccini Hotel, slid bodily into the sea, with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capuchin monastery below, the Hotel Santa Caterina and several villas.

Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived on the scene and begun rescue work.

It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact number.

Amalfi is a town of 7000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains and picturesque rocks. The Capuchin monastery was founded in 1212 by Cardinal Pietro Capuano for the Cistercians, but came into the possession of the Capuchins in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the great rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 230 feet, contained fine cloisters and a charming veranda, and offered magnificent points of view.

In the 12th century the sea began gradually to undermine the lower portion of the town and a terrible flood in 1343 proved still more disastrous.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Lawrence Sun: The latest and laughable theory concerning the Sunday closing edict is that Mayor Eaton intends to run next fall as the law and order candidate, and expects to gain enough popularity by the latest move to overcome the adverse majority of two weeks since.

Portland Express: England is just beginning to realize the size of the contract which she has undertaken.

Springfield Union: If Aguinaldo could only have consulted with Sitting Bull, Geronimo and the Apache Kid he might have obtained some very excellent suggestions on the art of dodging United States troops. But they would all inform him that while they succeeded for a time the ending was always the same.

Norwich Record: Grand opera has opened in New York. The twentieth century and the Schley-Sampson controversies may now be shelved temporarily.

Hartford Times: "Mr. Dooley's" summary of President McKinley's policy toward "the colonies" fits it "like the paper on the wall." Here it is: "As f'r our newly acquired possessions 'tis our intintion to give them a form iv government suited to their needs, which is small, an', in short, to do as we blamed please with them, makin' up our minds as we go along."

Fall River Globe: Wall street has been copying the practice of the department stores in having a bargain counter this week to attract custom.

New Bedford Standard: Of the increase of wages in the southern cotton mills it is observed that "it is another clear case of the north and the south shaking hands over the old chasm." Where the handshaking comes in it is difficult to see. In both sections the advance has been a matter of necessity rather than of good will.

Brockton Times: Isn't Germany somewhat premature in raising her flag in Samoa before the treaty for the partition of the islands has been ratified by this country?

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MR. J. L. WHITNEY

Appointed as Librarian of Boston

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The trustees of the public library yesterday afternoon elected Mr. Jas. L. Whitney librarian of that institution, a position which he has practically filled since the resignation of Mr. Putnam last April when the latter accepted the position of librarian in the congressional library at Washington.

This ends a matter over which there have been all kinds of speculation during the past eight months and sets at rest many fears that were entertained by the employes of the library—that an outsider would be called in.

Rumors have been current for some time that a librarian would be selected at yesterday's meeting as it has been known that many of those who might be considered competent to take charge of the greatest library in America have been under consideration by the board of trustees for months.

A bibliography of Mr. Whitney's library publications embraces the following works: "The Ticknor Catalogue of Spanish Literature together with the collection of Spanish and Portuguese Literature in the General Library," mentioned above; a catalogue of town libraries; a Catalogue of the bibliographies of special subjects in the Boston Public Library, with an index to notes upon books and reading to be found in library catalogues, "A Modern Proteus; or a list of Books Published under more than one title;" a catalogue of the library of J. Montgomery Sears, including the poetical library of Ferdinand Freiligrath; and "Considerations as to a printed catalogue in book form for the Boston public library," read at the meeting of the American Library association at Atlanta, and to be published in the annual report of the library for 1898-99.

Mr. Whitney's associations outside the library are few. He is a member of the Bostonian society, which he has long served as chairman of its book committee and a member of the American Library association, of which he has been some time treasurer and chairman of the committee on finance. He was one of the delegates of the association at the international convention of the American and British associations in London in 1897.

For about 20 years, after coming to Boston, his home was in Concord, in the affairs of which, as all good Concordians do, he became much interested. He was for eight years (1879-1887) chairman of the school board, and at the same time served as secretary of the library committee of the excellent Concord free library. For the centennial celebration of the Concord Fight, he prepared a useful monograph comprising a bibliography of the literature of the 19th of April, 1775-1875. From Concord he moved to Cambridge, and there he has since resided with his sister in a quiet, serene home—for he is a bachelor.

The above is the record of a full, busy and useful life, not pushing or self-seeking but not the less quietly progressive. There are not a few excellent citizens of Boston who would be glad to see this sort of unobtrusive ability recognized by a deserved call to the head of the institution so faithfully served.

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NEW FIRE COMP'Y

Will be Organized at Dracut

BY YOUNG MEN OF THE TOWN

New Mill May be Erected at Collinsville

BY AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY

Other Interesting Items of the Suburb

The Navy Yard for the first time in 15 years is without a fire company, but it will not be so very long, for a number of hustling young men of the village are going to get together and organize a company that will be a credit to the members and the village. The organization will be named the Bachman Hose company, the same as the one that has just passed out of existence.

The original Bachman Hose company was formed about 15 years ago and it was a worthy organization, too. A sufficient amount of money was raised by popular subscription and a hose carriage was purchased. This company did notable service at the fires that visited the village, but about three years ago there was a little trouble in the mill, which resulted in a strike. The strikers were victorious, but their victory was short-lived, for within four months the mill officials got back at the operatives in great style. All those who were believed to have taken a hand in advocating the strike were thrown out of employment and blacklisted. The mill officials went further than this. They intended to have everyone who took a hand in the strike wiped out of the village. A majority of the members of the hose company were among the strikers and for spite, the mill people, who, by the way, own the shed that houses the hose carriage, and also, it is said, have a mortgage on the carriage, disbanded the company and formed a new one, which from the very start, proved a most farcical organization, and the members seldom attended a fire in a body. They have been severely criticised time and again, but it was not until The Sun got after them that they threw up the sponge. They disbanded a couple of months ago and a better thing never happened.

Now it is up to the young men of the village to organize a company to succeed the worthless one that has just passed out of existence. Why doesn't someone call a meeting and then perfect an organization? The village should not be without a fire company. The apparatus is all right and why not have men to use it?

Frank Dudley of the Navy Yard, who has been working in Ashland and Penacook, N. H., has accepted a position in the Middlesex mills at Lowell.

James Mooney of Collinsville is rapidly recovering from a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia. He is now out of danger, although a week ago little hope was entertained for his recovery.

Patrick Banks of the Navy Yard, who has been confined to his home for several days with a severe cold, is able to be up and around again.

Mr. John Crowley, boss gigger in the Baltic mills of Enfield, N. H., who has been visiting in town, has returned to Enfield.

An exciting basket ball game was played at Scully's hall Wednesday night between the two basket ball teams recently formed at Collinsville, and known as the Shamrocks and Gladstones. An exciting game was played and the Gladstones were victorious by a score of 4 to 2. The teams lined up as follows:

Gladstones	Shamrocks
P. Meade, r. g.	r. g., Nolan
J. Laffey, f	f, J. Meade
J. Burke, c	c, J. Marley
J. Rogers, f	f, J. McDonald
F. Kiernan, lf	lg, M. Meade

Timekeeper, John Carrick; referee, Thomas Scully.

The basket ball teams will hold a dance and basket ball game New Year's night at Scully's hall, and the affair is expected to be a success. A good game will be played, and dancing will follow.

A new machine shop has been erected at the American Woolen company's mill in Collinsville, and it is rumored that it is the intention of the company to erect another mill at Collinsville, instead of at Concord Junction, where they originally intended to erect one. The rumor has not been confirmed, however, and it may not be true, yet it is said a number of men looked over some of the company's property early in the week and made measurements. What the object of this was is question.

The large barn formerly used by Michael Collins when he was in control in the village, is being repaired.

The post office at Collinsville has changed hands again. John J. Kiernan has gone into his new store and has been succeeded in the old one by Charles E. McCarty, formerly paymaster at the mill, and one of the best known citizens of Dracut. Mr. McCarty will be acting postmaster, the real postmaster being Michael Collins. Mr. McCarty will also conduct a grocery business and he will undoubtedly meet with great success in this line.

It is rumored that the boss weaver, Fred Teel, and the boss carder, Mr. Leonard, will soon sever their connection with the Collinsville mill.

The new house being erected on Lakeview avenue in Collinsville for the boss spinner, is rapidly nearing completion, and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by the first of January.

About sixteen Armenians are now working in the mill at Collinsville. They came from the Washington mills of Lawrence which is also controlled by the American Woolen company, and are all employed in the card room. Strange to say, they don't live at Collinsville, but have taken houses at the Navy Yard, doing the "tramp the road" act to and from Collinsville morning and night. More of these foreigners are expected.

Mr. Felix Englesby of School street the Navy Yard, met with a severe accident while at work in the dye house at the Faulkner mills in Lowell last Monday. He got his right hand caught in a gear in some unexplained way and one of the fingers was badly torn, and as a result he will not be able to resume his work for a number of days.

George Harrison of the Navy Yard will spend Christmas at his home in Newton. He has been stopping at the home of his uncle, Joseph Terris, for several months, being employed in the Lawrence hosiery. He will return to the town after Christmas.

Christmas will be observed at the Centre church Sunday morning. A choice program has been prepared by the superintendent, Mr. Calvin Richardson, and the musical director, Mr. Warren Hamblett. Two compositions of Mr. Wm. H. Hallowell will be sung by the choir with violin and organ accompaniment. An address by the pastor, Rev. F. L. Kelley, and several readings and an exercise, "The Light of the Ages," will be given by the young ladies of the Sunday school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Ladies' Aid Society met in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon, to make final arrangements for their annual fair, which will be held the second week in January. Mr. Calvin Richardson has general charge and chairman of decorations. Mrs. Walter Harvey is chairman of the executive committee, Mrs. George Fox, chairman of the cake table; Miss Annie Richardson of the Italian table; Mrs. Nute Cant, handkerchief table; Mrs. John Peabody, apron table; Mrs. Hallowell, doll table; Mrs. Bernice Parker, ice cream. Each committee has an able corps of assistants.

The sick about own are improving and every one is rejoicing over our lovely weather and pray for a continuance of the same.

John Burke has been made captain of the Gladstone basket ball team of Collinsville and Michael McNamara will act as manager. Martin Meade has been appointed captain of the Shamrocks, the other basket ball team.

Charles Horman of Collinsville, who has been ill for several weeks, has fully recovered and is now able to be about again.

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THE $300 PRIZE

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As already stated in these columns the first prize of $300 in the convent bazaar of the Immaculate Conception parish was won by the young son of Mr. Hertel of the Rosenthal Manufacturing company in New York city. Mr. Hertel has written the following letter of acknowledgment and returning $25 of the amount:

Rosenthal Manufacturing Co.
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New York, Dec. 15, 1899.

To Rev. E. A. Dorgan, O. M. I., Lowell, Mass.:

Dear Rev. Father: I beg to make grateful acknowledgment of your check which has been placed to my son's credit. The enclosed sum of twenty-five (25) dollars, kindly apply to the fund for which the bazaar was held, and if you should ever have occasion for another bazaar, please command me. Hoping you will have a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Truly yours,
M. J. HERTEL.

The second and third prizes, $200 and $100 respectively were won by local parties.

MACK VS WHITETT

THE FUN BEGINS IN THE COMMONS DEPARTMENT.

The following communication will be better understood if it is remembered that Mr. Mack is a candidate for Mr. Whittet's position:

Editor of The Sun:

Dear Sir: I understand that it is being denied that Superintendent Whittet of the commons department took the keys from me which I had carried since I was appointed assistant. Now, Mr. Editor, for the benefit of all who are interested, I want to say that he demanded the keys on Thursday morning, December 14. I gave him all the keys I had, belonging to the department. When I gave him the keys I asked him if that meant that I was discharged. He said it did not. I have not been allowed to use a team nor have I been allowed to give the men any orders since that date.

ALEXANDER MACK.

DR. THOMPSON

WRITES OF THE PHILIPPINE AND THE BOER WAR.

Dr. Thompson of Moxie fame is an inveterate foe of wars of conquest and is equally opposed to our war in the Philippines and England's war in South Africa. As the subjoined letter will show, he is a great admirer of Senator Hoar:

Editor Lowell Sun: Senator Hoar reiterates the doctrines of God and His humanity once again to the hypocritical gang who still plead the introduction of Christian civilization by force as an excuse for robbery of the helpless. Not only did Christ denounce this, but the divine law of heaven settled it as hypocrisy ages ago. From the first, liberty and a fair opportunity for every one was thundered from the great throne to all the worlds. As the worlds and all their mission were within the domain of natural law, so was the living intelligence of the human intellect held as answerable to the moral law. Was man created a machine like the inert matter placed beneath him for his support? No. Every atom that lives tells us no. Has he been physically restrained from doing evil? Has he been compelled to do right? Neither. Why? He was endowed with progressive instincts which called for unfettered power of development. His nature, instincts, intelligence and natural education taught him good and evil. The progress of the billions that have preceded him has told him of God's unfettering law of moral agency that carries liberty to all the worlds that live. Of that excellence of moral development, peace, humanity, prosperity, love, kindness, always within his reach, either above or in community, so excellent and conducive to justice and humanity. "All men were created free and equal, were endowed by their Creator with certain inherent and inalienable rights; that among these are the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," was written before the ages had began to toil. "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," was as authoritative as a means as is the divine law. Liberty is a divine element, born ere the worlds began. It gives the helpless to slaughter for political advantages—never. It destroys the protectors of homes and firesides—never. It robs the industrious of their hard earnings that the pirate may live in luxury and ease without toil—never. Pray, tell me of this insatiable one who constructively accuses God of treason when his laws would protect the poor and defenceless? It is a remarkable element to be born in the nineteenth century. Must there be another conflict in defence of natural rights? Mr. Hoar seems to be dealing with the air. What is this new kind of treason that compels us to defend God—the old flag of liberty and the honor of the republic.

Africa, but just done with the means of anguished mothers whose sons made slavery profitable, now clenches her hand again in defence of her natural rights, because she is again assailed by this higher civilization that says it is better that the pilgrim who gives thanks to God humbly before he sleeps and for the coarse food in difference to liberty from a barren and desert home. Christ drove the usurers from the temple. May not a godly, just people defend themselves?

Respectfully,
A. THOMPSON.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HUBBARDSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—The town authorities are all at sea in their attempts to fathom the mysterious murder of Asa Bennett, one of the most prominent citizens of this place, early last evening. Although the police have been investigating the case thoroughly up to noon today no clue whatever had been found. Considerable effort has been made to locate some suspicious looking tramps, who were seen in the vicinity during the past few days, but none have been found as yet. The murderer crushed Mr. Bennett's skull and afterwards attempted to burn the house. The victime was 80 years of age.

RUN ON THE BANK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 22.—There was a heavy run on the Portland Savings bank today and thousands of dollars were withdrawn.

THE OLD COUNTRY

Large Amount of Money Sent Abroad

MOST OF WHICH GOES TO IRELAND

Money Sent to Philippines and Cuba

It would seem that the times of prosperity are coming again to see the large amounts of money and presents that are being sent to foreign countries. At the post office, banks and draft agencies throughout the city there has been a large demand for money orders, drafts and checks to be sent to foreign countries. The majority of the money goes to Ireland and England, but other parts of Europe and even Asia and Africa get considerable money.

The general Christmas rush to forward money to the old country starts about the first of December and continues right on to Christmas Day, although the bulk of the money was sent last week so that it would reach its destination by Christmas time.

The majority of the foreigners who have moved to this city from their native land, send home money to their folks around Christmas time.

At the post office, one of the money order clerks stated that they have issued a very large number of money orders, a great deal more than last year at this time. Last week three hundred foreign registered letters were sent out, showing an increase of two hundred and fifty letters over an ordinary week. The majority of these international money orders go to Ireland and England, but quite a number go to Sweden, France, Austria China and Turkey. Registered letters and money orders have been sent to the Philippine islands and Cuba during this month. The amount of money sent out from the local post office to foreign countries during last week was in excess of three thousand dollars, and domestic money orders amounted to over twenty-five hundred dollars.

A large amount of boxes and packages have also been sent through the local post office bound for the old country and other foreign ports.

Mr. Dennis Murphy, the well known ticket agent, says that his draft business this year was a great deal larger than that of last year at this time. The majority of his checks have gone to Ireland but a good many also have been forwarded to Austria, Russia and to Sweden.

The Traders' National bank has issued a much larger number of foreign drafts this year than they did last year. They have money order correspondents in London, Berlin and Stockholm to whom they have forwarded a very large number of money orders and checks. This bank has issued a number of money orders for Greece, Armenia and Turkey, which goes to show that the representatives of those nations in our city send a present home to the old folks.

At the American Express Co., the amount sent across the water this Christmas has been three times that of previous years. The form of order they send is called a foreign remittance check. The majority of their checks were for Ireland, England, Sweden and France.

Mr. J. F. O'Donnell of Market street also reports that the business this month in the issuance of foreign drafts and checks has been far in excess of last year at this time. The majority of his orders have been to Ireland although a good many of them have been sent to England, Scotland and Wales.

BASKET BALL.

The best basket ball game seen here this season will undoubtedly be played Monday night when the Burkes and the P. A. C. come together at Associate hall. This will be the second meeting of these teams this season, the Burkes winning the first game by a close score. Monday night's game will also be a close one.

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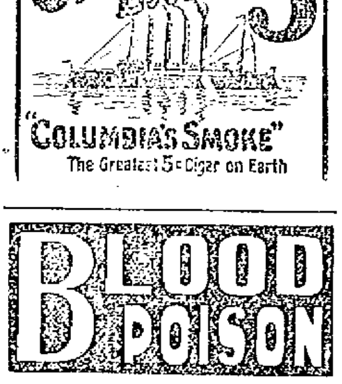

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ABSENT MINDED

Casey Forgot to Eat and Sleep

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Read the story of Casey, the absent-minded man. Thomas Casey, aged thirty-nine years, married, No. 648 First avenue, the records describe him. For four months now he has been trying to get rid of absent-mindedness, but to no avail. He can't stick to one thing for five minutes.

It was in August last that the authorities first heard of Casey. He walked into Manhattan hospital as calm as you please, but for the life of him he couldn't remember his name or where he lived. Next day it all came back to him and they started him home. Then he forgot to go home and turned up again at the hospital, smiling and apparently perfectly well. But next day he was in a delirium and it took a month to cure him.

Then he was sent home again, but the absent-mindedness was as bad as ever. He is a paver by trade, and when he went to work he was apt to forget to pound the paving blocks till the foreman went after him. Then he used to remember and begin to pound again.

His forgetfulness grew worse. He would start out in the morning, perfectly well physically, and meaning to go right to his work, yet forget all about it. He was just as apt to end up on a doorstep absorbed in a newspaper, all thoughts of work having vanished. When he sat down to his meals he forgot all about them and often began undressing under the impression it was bedtime. If he took a bath he started to drink the water, forgetting all about his bath.

At last his forgetfulness completely took possession of him. He forgot to eat, to sleep, to drink, to speak. He was sent to the Presbyterian hospital Dec. 5th and yesterday he was transferred to the insane pavilion at Bellevue.

Unless friends go to his aid he will be sent to Ward's island in a few days to see if he can't be cured of his absent-mindedness.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 23.—William O'Brien, the burglar who was shot and captured by Patrolman Stephen Ryan of Station 3 on the east side on the night of December 11, was tried before Judge Sweetland in the district court on a charge of breaking and entering in the night time the residence of Rev. Thomas M. Clark and stealing from Miss Mary Sturtevant, slippers, gloves and a few small articles. O'Brien was not attended by counsel but heard the evidence of a few witnesses. He did not cross-examine either witness. He was adjudged probably guilty and bound over to the grand jury without bail.

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FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms in each tenement, price $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

"A CHRISTMAS present for Papa," Plush-Lined Buffalo Robe at Ciner's store, 840 Bridge street.

FREE—Send no money. We give watches, bracelets, rings, etc., for selling our jewelry novelties. Send your name and address and we will mail you eighteen scarfpins in enamel and different colored stones to sell at ten cents each. The best sellers ever offered. When sold, send us the money and we will give you a watch or your choice of our list of premiums which we send with the pins. Annwan Jewelry company, North Attleboro, Mass.

A TEN DOLLAR INVESTMENT RETURNS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PROFIT—This is better than a dozen Klondikes—at least this is the honest opinion of 617 investors who placed from $10 to $20 in Montana and Utah mining shares with the older reliable mining brokerage firm of W. H. Nichols, No. 1 West Broadway, Butte, Mon. Average profit of the 617 investors in ten months was $167.0, and many of the lucky ones made $500 off $10. Mr. Nichols is now floating two more new mining companies; he is a very shrewd and careful mining operator—he is a good one to follow.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 50 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Hehr, Attorney.

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WANTED—A thoroughly competent housegirl. Must be a good cook. Apply to J. S. Hanson, 64 Westford street.

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PRINTERS WANTED immediately; One first-class Job Pressman and one first-class Book Compositor. Give references and state wages desired. The Chase Press, 37, 39 and 41 Washington street, Haverhill, Mass.

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WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 603, Lowell, Mass.

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WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Jones, 155 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

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TO LET—Tenement of seven rooms at 111 East Merrimack street, $9 a month. Also a tenement of four rooms 103 High street, $7 per month. Inquire at 139 East Merrimack street.

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FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 34 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

BANJOS, GUITARS AND MANDOLINS.

They are good Christmas presents. We carry a stock of personally selected instruments at low prices. W. E. Stratton, J. A. Handley, room 14, Hildreth building, over Daily News office.

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Is booming with us on Toys, Dolls, Sleds and Chinaware. Get into the push for bargains. Dickson Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 63 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 5 Merrimack square. Telephone 63-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Get your money's worth by buying your Coal of W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike St.

Hear the Dartmouth combined Musical Clubs. Best college talent. Odd Fellows' Temple, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

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George Francisco, 291 Dutton street, is going to close out all his stock of confectionery and fruit, bananas, oranges, nuts and all of his stock at cost prices, as he intends to move Dec. 27. Be sure and call for bargains.

FINED $10.

Jacob R. Smith was arraigned before Judge Hadley in police court Friday afternoon charged with driving a lame horse. He was fined $10. Mr. Smith had been warned by Agent Richardson that his horse was not fit for service, but he paid no attention to the warning.

LUCKY JOHN.

Mr. John P. Breen, the well known section hand in the lugrain weave room of the Lowell Manufacturing co., was agreeably surprised at the closing hour last evening, Mr. John McMahon, in behalf of the weavers on Mr. Breen's section, presented him a gold watch and chain. The recipient responded in a neat speech, in which he thanked all his weavers for the gift they had presented to him.

ERIE DECLARES DIVIDEND.

Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company have declared quarterly dividend No. 65 of 1 1-4 per cent; Wisconsin Telephone company dividend No. 70 of 1 3-4 per cent., and the Michigan Telephone company dividend No. 62 of 1 1-4 per cent.

The directors of the Erie Telephone system have fixed permanent dates for future payments of quarterly dividends, namely: The second Monday of January, April, July and October, to business on the last day of December, March, June and September.

The stockholders closing on the last mentioned days and opening on the day the dividend is paid.

LOWELL MEN IN TROUBLE.

The Nashua Telegraph remarks:

Whether those young fellows who late Thursday night drove away from in front of a Canal street saloon with a team belonging to two business men of Lowell, will be arrested under the charge of horse theft, simple larceny or for being simple, everyday drunks City Marshal Eaton is not saying. He is, however, hoping to gather them within the fold before long. Thursday evening, as is claimed to have been the case on former occasions this year, a party from Lowell, unable to await the coming of May and license, drove to this city with a small, spirited horse, a common, covered milk wagon and thirsty throats to make some purchases. Among their purchases, all of which will probably be reckoned up in the expense account as refreshments, were two jugs brimful of whiskey and numerous bottles of beer. After securing the whiskey and the beer the stuff was placed in the wagon and the owners remained in the saloon to sample the remaining stock that they had not purchased. They had a jolly time and doubtless did not notice how quickly the time was passing. When they finally decided to return home, they went to the door but were startled to find that their team was missing. The police were notified and a search instituted for the property.

After several hours of weary waiting word was received that the team had been located somewhere near Robinson's Grove. The wagon was all right and the horse was all right, but that which the owners had hopefully expected to take back to the Spindle City with them was gone. There was no whiskey and there was no beer. The robe was found at a considerable distance from the wagon.

The young men whom it is suspected drove off the team could not be found and they have not been seen since. It is said that there were enough refreshments to entertain a very jolly company for a long time.

After being recovered the horse and wagon were taken to Lewis' stable on Railroad Square where they were cared for until a seasonable hour today when the owners returned to their down the river home sadder yet wiser men. Now by this loss, Christmas will not be as jolly as it might have been in Lowell this year.

NEW AUSTRIAN CABINET

SOME DEPARTMENTS LEFT IN HANDS OF DEPARTMENT CHIEFS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—Following the resignation of the Austrian cabinet, headed by Count Manfred Clary, in consequence of the blockade of parliamentary business resulting from the persistent Czech obstruction Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed Dr. H. Von Wittek, who was minister of railways under Count Clary, to be president of the council. The portfolio of national defence is entrusted to Count Welsersheimb, who was charged with the same duties in the Clary cabinet and that of commerce to Dr. F. Stibral, who thus continues at his former post.

Dr Von Chlendowski is designated a minister without a portfolio. The other departments are left in the hands of the various department chiefs.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

CORRECT REPORT

Strong Temperance Law Advocates Make Reply

TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

On Matter of Temperance Educational Legislation.

Stronger temperance educational laws are being sought by a combination of church and temperance societies as has been reported from time to time in The Sun. Recently the committee on educational progress of the State Teachers' Association investigated the matter and submitted a report which didn't quite suit the stronger law advocates. As a result the following reply has been issued:

The report of the Committee on Educational Progress to the State Teachers' Association on Dec. 1, 1899, as published in the papers contains statements that call for correction.

This report says that the hearing given by the legislative committee on education in the Massachusetts legislature last winter to ungranted petitions for a stronger temperance education law.

"It was clearly seen that not only educators but the leading temperance people of all professions were heartily opposed to the desired measure" that "the measure proposed was drastic in every particular with the exact requirements and heavy penalties," an attempt "to subvert and degrade the schools."

The report further says, "Those who had hitherto believed in the honesty of the petitioners were sadly shaken in their faith, when, after so signal a defeat, the petitioners sent out broadcast a printed report in which they claimed victory."

All this is utterly misleading. The movement referred to originated with the May, 1898 meeting of the Massachusetts State Association of Congregational churches, who instructed their temperance committees to petition the next legislature for a stronger temperance education law. Committees and representatives of sixteen different religious denominations, philanthropic societies and organizations united with the Central Committee in this petition. Efforts to belittle the sincerity and intelligence of these petitioners are useless. Their petition stated just what its signers wanted and asked for, viz: "strengthening amendments," including what the present temperance education law lacks, "needed specifications" and such "just and adequate penalties for non-enforcement," as would secure the temperance education which the law of fourteen years standing requires for every pupil in our public schools.

The further charge that "the measure proposed was drastic, exacting etc." could not seem much to one who wants the present law enforced. It asked for a definite place in the course of study. From the following extract from the petitioners' report it will be seen that all they ask for at the utmost was "100 graded text books lessons in the whole subject of physiology any hygiene including the temperance matter, to be distributed through six years at the rate of thirty lessons a year, with oral instruction for all pupils in the primary grades. The distinctive temperance teaching thus implied in the primary grades estimated on the average length of primary lessons, would not amount to over an hour and a half a year and not more than three hours a year in the grades above the primary. All the rest of the study is higiene and sanitation with physiology enough to make it intelligible. No one who wants the instruction given at all could claim that this is an extravagant amount on those vital topics. From 500 to 900 text book lessons in less important studies like geography are often given in the same period.

Such provisions could not reasonably be called "drastic" and would not "subvert or degrade the schools," but warn the scholars from habits that lead to degradation.

As to the proposed penalty of a fine upon school committees who refuse to comply with the requirements of the existing law, it has never been deemed a degradation to the school committee of Massachusetts that they are now subject to a penalty of $100 for failure to provide certain sanitary provisions required by law. Why would they be more degraded by a fine only one-fourth as large for refusing to comply with the law requiring them to provide for education in the laws of health including those which relate to the use of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics.

No fine was ever proposed or thought of for teachers. They are not to blame when the present temperance education law is not enforced. The responsibility rests with the school committees and school officers who do not order a place in the course of study for enough lessons to cover the topic, with examinations or tests for promotion, and do not furnish text books adapted to grades for this as for other studies. When they do this, the study instead of being a burden to an over-crowded curriculum and teacher, becomes a part of the regular school work cheerfully done, resulting in great good.

Precisely similar provisions have been in successful operation for years in other states.

The statement that "after so signal a defeat, the petitioners sent out broadcast a printed report in which they claimed a victory" failed to specify in what respect this was claimed. The defeat of the Myers bill was the victory claimed as is shown by the following passage from the report of the Massachusetts Central Committee. After reviewing the fruitless efforts to reach a basis of unity with the educational opponents, this report says:

"As the discussion at the hearing proceeded, the opponents freely admitted that it was their intent to present the Myers bill which provided for the practical repeal of the present statute even if we had made no effort to secure a stronger law. Thus the battle would have been inevitable, and our aggressive policy has proved to be the only safe defensive course we could have pursued to preserve our present law. Viewed from that standpoint, in the defeat of the Myers bill we have secured an important victory, although we must wait a little longer for that much-needed stronger law.

It was therefore the defeat of the Myers bill only that was claimed as a victory, and to impugn the "honesty of the petitioners" in their distinct statement of their meaning in this matter is hardly just.

We cannot believe that the high-minded, truth-loving teachers of our state would have accepted this report of their committee on educational progress or allowed its publication with its reflections upon a large body of honorable citizens of this commonwealth if they had had before them or in mind the actual statements of the report of the Massachusetts Central Committee.

In behalf of the petitioners for the stronger law,

REV. CHAS. L. MORGAN, D. D., Chairman Mass. Central Committee and Chairman of Temperance Committee for Mass. State Association of Congregational Churches last year.

REV. ALBERT H. PLUMB, Chairman Executive committee.

MARY H. HUNT, Secretary.

KATHERINE LENTE STEVENSON, President Mass. Women's Christian Temperance Union.

MARY A. LIVERMORE, Honorary President Mass. Women's Christian Temperance Union.

ROBERT H. MAGWOOD, Supt. of Temperance Mass. Christian Endeavor Union.

SMOKE ORDINANCE

SPRINGFIELD CITIZENS WANT TO ABATE FACTORY SMOKE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 23.—Several prominent business men of this city are interesting themselves in the matter of gaining passage of a city ordinance which will abate the factory smoke nuisance in this city. Among them are ex-Aldermen Lewis F. Carr and D. B. Wesson. It has been decided that a petition shall be circulated and that it shall be presented to the new city government early in the next month. Wednesday night the petition had not been started but it will be very soon.

A well known manufacturer of the city said Wednesday night that he would sign the paper and more than that, he would almost immediately order a smoke consumer for his plant; he is only waiting to discover what sort of consumer is best adapted for his chimneys. It was said that the persons interested had found nearly a dozen cities in this part of the country which enforce smoke ordinances, compelling manufactures to use the consumers on their stacks. There are about a half dozen patterns of consumers on the market, no style is very expensive and all do their work well.

D. B. Wesson thoroughly believes that factories should not annoy the public and some time ago he purchased consumers for the Smith & Wesson pistol shops. His smoke consumers do away with nine-tenths of the smoke and are entirely satisfactory.

The matter has been discussed by the Springfield Improvement association and directors of the board of trade have taken a lively interest. It was thought best several years ago to let the matter lie over for the city council of 1900. The petition will probably be put in the shape of resolutions, which will say that it is for the best interests of the city that an ordinance be framed which will compel manufacturers to comply with a rigid smoke law.

CYCLE NOTES

Two items are necessary to prevent side slipping— a well inflated tire and even pedalling.

The proper way to clean the frame of the wheel is to wipe it with a soft sponge and dry it with a soft cloth.

The International Cycling association has awarded the world's championship races to France for 1900. The races will be held in Paris and between $10,000 and $6,000 will be offered in prizes.

A wheelman who continues to use his bicycle after a ball is broken is foolish. If the ball is not removed soon after breaking, it will cause a grinding noise, which is an indication that the cones and cups are being worn out.

A tight chain makes the work of driving the wheel difficult.

A tire that is well inflated is a tire which presents less surface at the point of contact with the ground, and as is readily understood has a much firmer grip on the road.

A three-mile race between a bicyclist and a gasoline motor carriage was run at the Kewanee, Ill., fair grounds recently. It was a half mile track and the motor vehicle lost at the turns.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

MERRIMACK VALLEY BAPTISTS HONOR REV. MR. SAYER.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the Merrimack Valley Baptist Ministers' conference held in Lawrence Monday, the following resolution was passed and placed on the records:

"Whereas, Our brother and fellow pastor, Thomas S. Sayer, is about to remove out of this conference, therefore

"Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his Christian character as manifested in his connection with this body during the past five years. We gratefully testify to our brother's ability as a preacher and pastor and we would assure him of our sorrow at his departure from our midst and of earnest prayers for his future welfare.

HENRY W. O. MILLINGTON, President.

W. KLIEN, Secretary.

LITERARY NOTES

"My New Curate," by the Rev. P. A. Sheehan of Doneraile, deserves attention from general readers because it reveals the priest's conception of himself. Besides, as it was written for priests and originally published in a magazine read by all American and by most English and Irish Catholic clergymen, the author takes complete understanding of the species for granted, and describes only the individual, thereby revealing the species far more plainly than would be possible in pages of careful distinction and division. Strictly speaking, the story has no heroine, but has two prominent female characters, the first of whom has a skeptical lover to whom the gift of faith comes in answer to the prayers of the second, a girl afflicted with a terrible skin disease of nervous origin, and self-disciplined to perfect submission to God's will. The villain is also absent, although certain persons who make the curate's life a burden when his schemes for his parishioners' well-being go wrong fill the place very well, but the clown is not missing. He is Jim Deady, who takes the temperance pledge regularly every three months; earns a handsome income by repairing the chapel roof in such a way that it needs his services whenever he needs a pound or two; who, drunk or sober, sings like a nightingale; who commands the village Fenians, plays tricks on inconvenient bailiffs, and blarneys the whole parish, Father Letheby excepted, and adores him for refusing his flattery. Two characters are well represented namely, the real, refined and educated Irishman and the real, genuine Irishwoman. It is a book that every Irishman will read with pleasure, especially those who know the author, himself a talented Soggarth Aroon.

IRON MOULDERS

Held Their Third Party Las Night

The Iron Moulders' union held its third party last evening at Associate hall and it proved a complete success both socially and financially. A large crowd was in attendance and dancing was enjoyed until midnight. Music was furnished by Hibbard's orchestra.

The following was the committee in charge and to whose efforts the success of the affair was largely due:

General manager, James T. Murphy; assistant general manager, William F. Mulgrave; floor director, W. R. Wetherhead; assistant floor director, James Everett; aids, William B. Geary, C. F. McArdle, P. J. Heslin, M. J. Mulroney, J. H. Ward and S. P. Tobin. Reception committee, George H. Keating, chairman; assisted by P. H. Ward, J. Connors, B. Keeley, J. Callahan, J. Foley, A. Barkett, George Tillier, P. Quinn.

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Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

NEW APPLIANCES

Extract of Report Before Railroad Committee

"The substitution of steam in place of coal stoves or furnaces for the heating of cars is a 'consummation most devoutly to be wished.' Some of the most serious accidents on record have resulted from the burning of cars in wrecks, the fire spreading from the coal stoves used for heating purposes. Heating passenger trains by steam from the locomotive is fast supplanting the old methods, and its great advantages can readily be understood. The Westinghouse brake is rapidly coming into general use. The increase in number of freight cars equipped with this brake was in the year ending June 30, 1898, 115,227. It may be properly stated here that practically all (9956) passenger locomotives are equipped with train brakes, and 5105 with automatic couplers. Of cars in passenger service, practically all are equipped with train brakes and automatic couplers. Something over 91 per cent. of the locomotives in railroad service are equipped with train brakes, and over 30 per cent. with automatic couplers. Of freight cars, 46 per cent. are equipped with train brakes, and something over 63 per cent with automatic couplers. The increase in the number of freight cars equipped with automatic couplers was for the year 227,876.

This progress in the direction of the general use of train brakes and automatic couplers is very gratifying and satisfactory. No freight cars are now built for general uses unless equipped with these appliances, and naturally the time will soon arrive when a car not so equipped will be the exception.

One of the most gratifying as well as desirable improvements in train equipment, and which may well be included under the head of "safety appliances," is the lighting of passenger cars by the "Pintsch" gas-lighting system. This is a German invention, and is fast becoming universal in its application. At the close of the year 1898 90,800 cars were equipped with this system. Of these 31,925 were in Germany, 17,800 in England, 5210 in France, 3711 in Austria, 6158 in India, 1000 in Australia and 13,465 in the United States. The remainder were distributed throughout the world in all countries where railroads are operated. Its introduction into this country is of comparatively recent date, and the excellent results derived from its uses afford sufficient argument for its general adoption. It has everything to recommend it, and especially as regards its safety. Its use has unquestionably been the means of averting most distressing loss of life in wrecks, where, had the old-time coal-oil lamps been used, the cars would have been burned and life lost. The adoption of this system of lighting passenger trains cannot be too highly recommended. It is fully appreciated and approved by the public, who readily see its advantages and who unanimously speak favorably regarding it. Its general adoption will be a national benefit.

Rocking horses for boys and girls; tool chests full of tools for boys, are very instructive. W. T. Bartlett, 653-659 Merrimack street, The up-town hardware store.

Mrs. J. P. Hamilton has been at Dunstable the past four weeks.

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ELEANORA DUSE

Victim of an Unhappy Love Affair

HER NOVELIST-LOVER IS TIRED OF HER

She Loses All Interest in Her Art

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Eleanora Duse is grieving over a lost love. Her heart is broken. The greatest living genius of the stage is the central figure today in a more heartrending tragedy than any she has pictured across the footlights.

Like many other women before her, she cast the pearls of her affection, her great, her splendid intellect, her passionate nature at the feet of a selfish egotist and he has trampled them under foot. For Gabrielle D'Annunzio is not the man to let any woman hold him in thrall for any length of time.

There is no question about the genius of D'Annunzio. At 35 years of age he is the foremost novelist of Italy and and a poet of renown. His books are morbid to the last degree. He is the apostle of brutality. He loves to depict characters steeped in cruel and vice and heartlessness and he loudly boasts that he is his own model in his novels.

In his own life he is a votary of pleasure and he gloats over the fact that his senses rule him and that he is capable of enjoying them all.

Friends of Duse declare that no scandal is atached to their love. The woman has always been known for the austerity of her life. It was the intellectual gifts of the man which appealed so forcibly to her. For a time her thoughts and dreams were one. They made great plans together, plans that were to immortally cement their names together. And together they planned "The Tragedy of Death," which he wrote for Duse and faithless offered to Bernhardt when he grew weary of the Italian charmer.

Their scheme began on paper, ended in air. He had no more constancy than his own characters. Having bent this great woman of genius to his selfish wishes, having enriched himself at the fountain of her intellectuality, he suddenly realized that she was many years his senior and that he was weary of her—told her so, brutally ten days ago and broke from her. And she has come to Paris, the city in which she met him, some years and given herself up to despair in the house of her friends.

She thinks nothing of her work now. It would surprise no one to hear that Duse had cancelled all her theatrical engagements and taken the veil. One thing, possibly, holds her back from this denouement. She knows it would feed the vanity of the man she now loaths, and Duse is a woman of vast pride, a woman more likely to devise some scheme of revenging herself on the man who has cast her off than doing aught to give him further satisfaction.

THEIR DIVIDEND

OPERATIVES RECEIVE WELCOME CIRCULAR FROM MILL TREASURER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 23.—Treasurer George A. Chase of the Bourne mills issued yesterday his circular announcing the semi-annual dividend to the operatives. The amount is 3 1-3 per cent. of wages earned from June 12 to December 5, 1899, by operatives continuously employed by the corporation during that time. The circular refers to the prosperous year just passed, with the resulting increase in wages, this latter making an addition of over $2,000,000 a year to the operatives of the city.

The operatives are offered opportunity to secure a direct financial interest in the new mill which has started. To pay for this mill notes bearing six per cent. interest have been issued, the issue being confined to stockholders. Of the issue $50,000 has been reserved to be held for the benefit of employes. The employe making the best record for the next six months will be allowed to take a $1000 note. Five notes of $500 each will be allotted by merit. Employes may take notes of $50 or $100 each at will to the full amount reserved. A saving fund is established to assist employes to save for investment in the bonds.

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Young Chickens, 10 to 15c lb.
Ducks, Geese and Game at the same low figures.

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AT THE CENTRAL STREET STORE,

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Here you will find everything in useful articles as well as ornamental, suitable for anybody and everybody, young and old, men, women or children.

An endless variety of Handkerchiefs for the ladies, gents and children.

Silk Mufflers and Kid Gloves for ladies, gents and children.

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Bureau Scarfs in Cut Work.

Full line of Ladies' Neckwear in stocks and jabots.

The largest stock of Aprons to select from in Lowell. You know our reputation in these goods in former seasons. The variety is larger than ever this season.

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Men's and Boys' Suspenders.

Men's and Boys' Neckwear.

Alligator Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Seal Bags, Pocketbooks, Pine Stone Pompadour Combs, Empress Combs, Side Combs, Fancy Hat Pins, Brooch Pins, Stick Pins, Bracelets, Ladies' and Gents' Cuff Buttons, Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors Ladies' Aluminum Companion will not tarnish. Fancy Box Perfume, Sachet Powder, Soap, William H. Brown's fine Perfumes. Tooth Powder, Gents' Sleeve Elastics.

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SECOND FLOOR—Our wrapper department deserves special mention. Here you will find everything in cotton woolen and flannelette. On this floor also a big line of Children's Dresses, Cotton Underwear, Outing Flannel Night Dresses, Infants' Goods, etc. Come to the Central street store Friday and Saturday.

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